



**St. Martin of Tours Academy**  
**First Grade Newsletter**  
**June 2016**

*"The family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world, it is the leaven of society." - Pope Francis*

*Dear Parents,*

*It's hard to believe that we have already celebrated Memorial Day – the year has really flown by. Even though we only have a couple of weeks left we do stay busy until the end.*

*Over the summer it's important to take time to relax and rejuvenate. When your thoughts turn toward second grade the most important thing to do to prepare is to read, read and then read some more. The children have really grown in their reading skills this year, and I am very proud of them! Be sure you are making reading a pleasant experience – not a chore. It's also important for your child that he/she sees you reading as well. Children are great observers (even when we think they are not paying attention) and they mimic our examples. (More suggestions are on reverse.)*

*A huge thank you goes out to our wonderful room parents, Mrs. Kunde and Mrs. Haytasingh. They have been so generous with their time and energy!*

*Over the next couple of weeks we will be covering the following material . . .*

**Religion:** We recently finished our unit on the celebration of the Mass. In this next section the children will learn how we can share God's love. When we pray we show God that we love Him. We share God's love with others by being kind and helpful. For more information please go to [www.webelieveweb.com](http://www.webelieveweb.com). *SLE 1a, 2e*

**Language Arts:** Every day there are new sound combinations introduced and/or reviewed. Our focus the next two weeks will include "bossy r" words (r-controlled vowels such as *ur, ar, or, er,* and *ear*), digraphs such as *th, wh,* and *sh,* and long and short vowel combinations. We will also be working with prefixes, antonyms, synonyms and contractions. *SLE 2d, 4b*

**Reading:** Our new unit is called "I am Brave". The story selections focus on how people can overcome their fears. We will explore the genres of realistic fiction and fantasy. In conjunction with this unit the children are also writing stories and illustrating them. *SLE 2a, 3c*

**Math:** Chapter 12 explores fractions and the basics of probability. We will learn that fractions are part of a whole or part of a set. The children will also become familiar with probability using terms such as "certain", "possible" and "impossible". *SLE 5a, 5c* For more information please go to [www.sadlier.com/math](http://www.sadlier.com/math).

*In closing, I would like to thank all of you for sharing your children with me this year. They are a delightful and bright group that will go far in life. I enjoyed working with them and watching them grow every day. It is my prayer that you all have a safe and happy summer.*

*Marie Glick*

