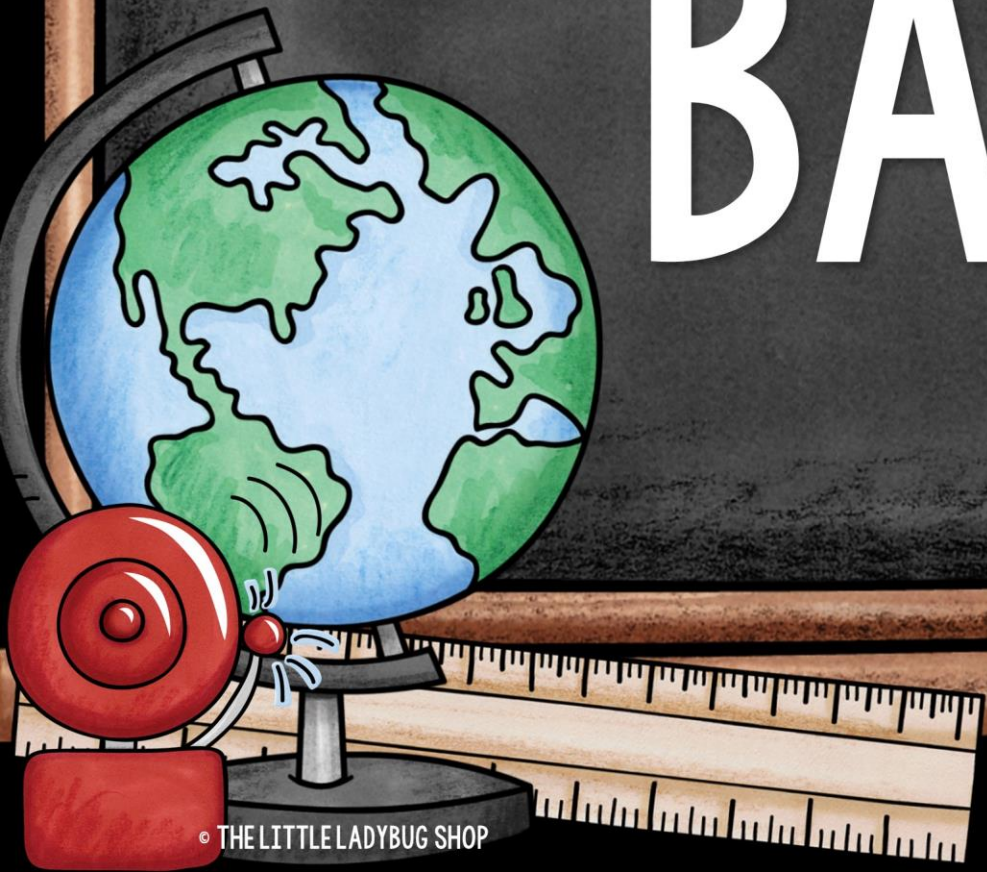


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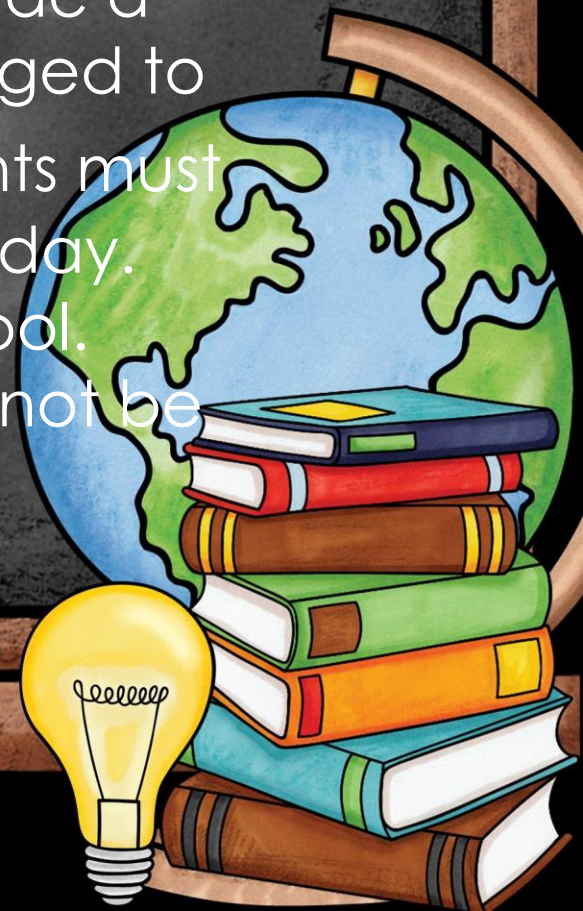


SCHOOL POLICIES

Please refer to the student handbook. This will also give information about the dress code. Students should bring a water bottle to school. The cafeteria will provide a water bottle but a fee will be charged to your child's lunch account. Students must wear school badges during the day.

Badges should be kept at school.

If you plan to miss school work will not be given out ahead of time.



CLASS RULES

The behavior calendar will be found in your child's take home folder. Please check daily. A parent should initial the calendar daily. A "think sheet" will go home if your child earns a yellow or red color on the stop light management system. Positive reinforcements for individuals and whole group will also be given.

LUNCH PROCEDURES

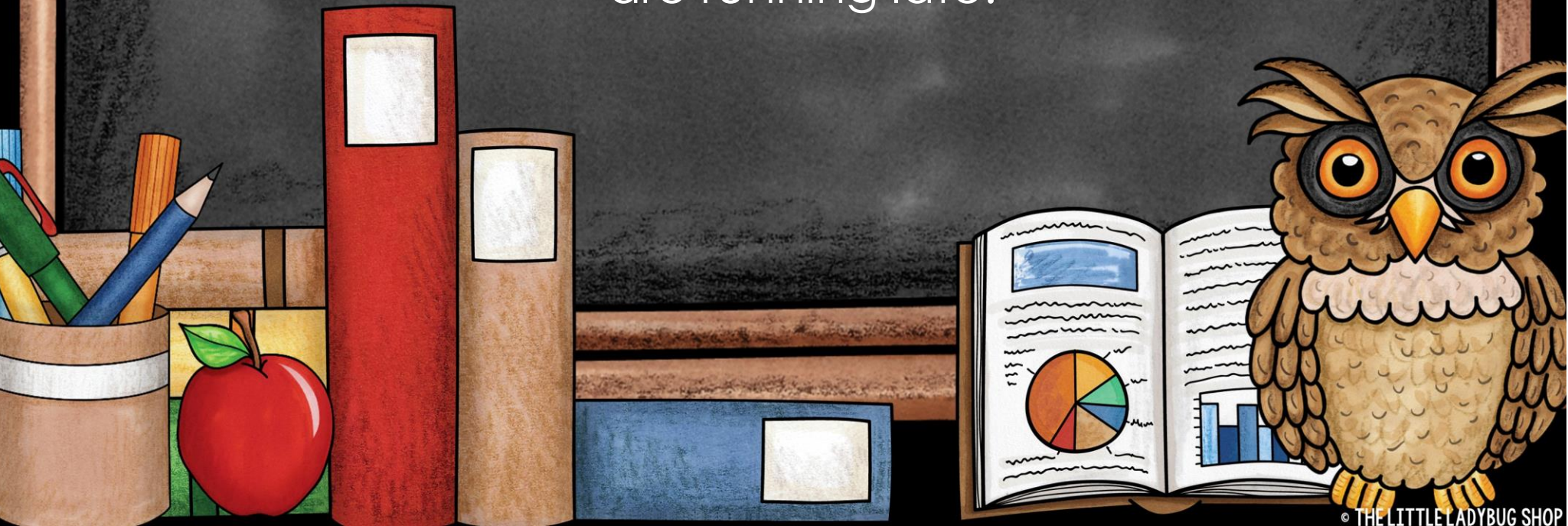
First grade will have lunch at 11:15-11:40.

During the first week of school many lunches were not eaten. We are encouraging all students to eat all of their lunch so they are ready to learn after recess. LaRosa pizza orders will be taken on Mondays. Students will have recess after lunch until 12:05.



DISMISSAL

Our school day ends at 2:45. Students will dismiss from the front of the building. First grade will exit out of the flag door. Bus students will dismiss first. If you are picking your child up please stand at the front of the building. Please go to the office if you are running late.





GRADING POLICY

Assessments in first grade are based on oral and written work. Class participation is important in all subject areas especially religion, social studies, and science. Assessment packets will go home on Tuesdays. The first packet will go home on

September 13th.

Progress Codes

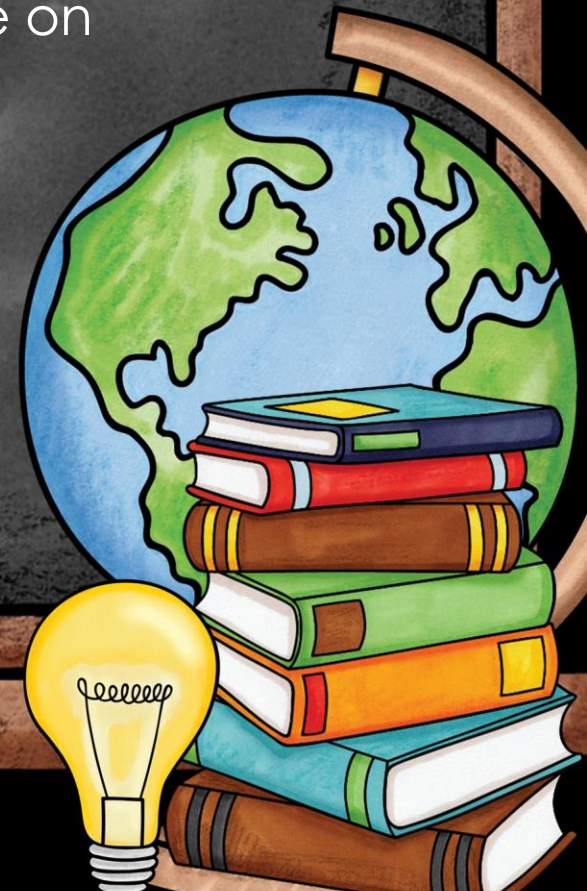
O Outstanding

S+ Very Good

S Satisfactory Progress

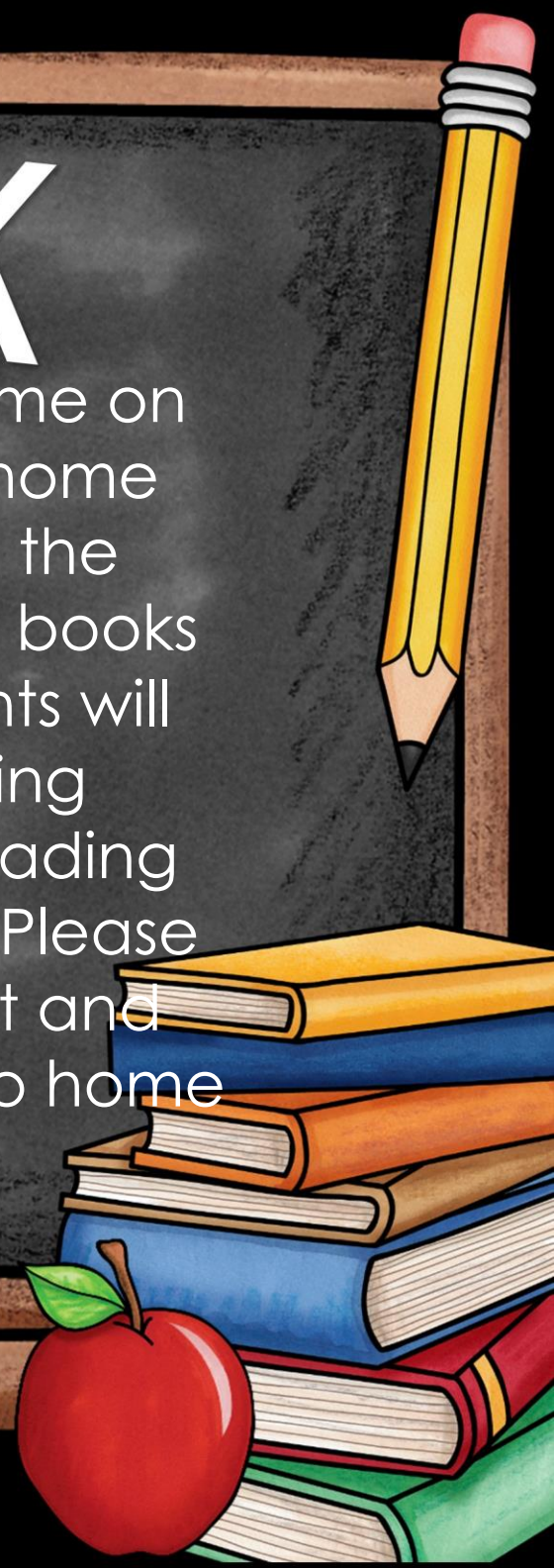
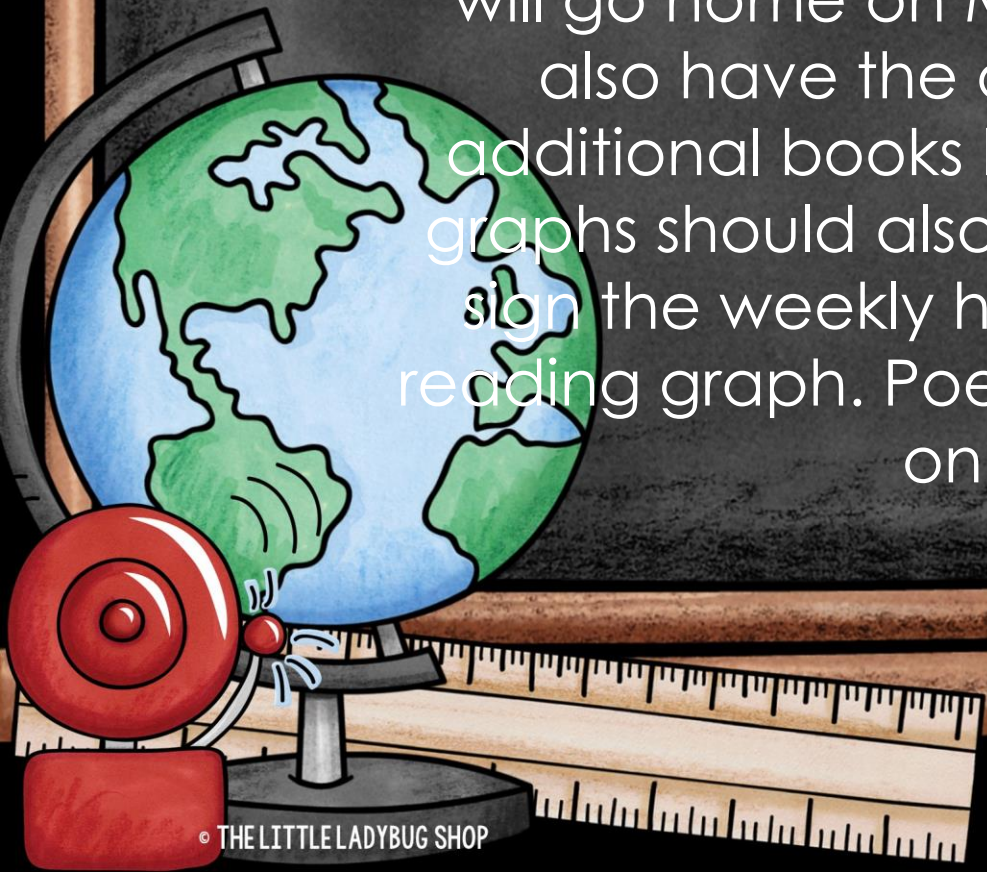
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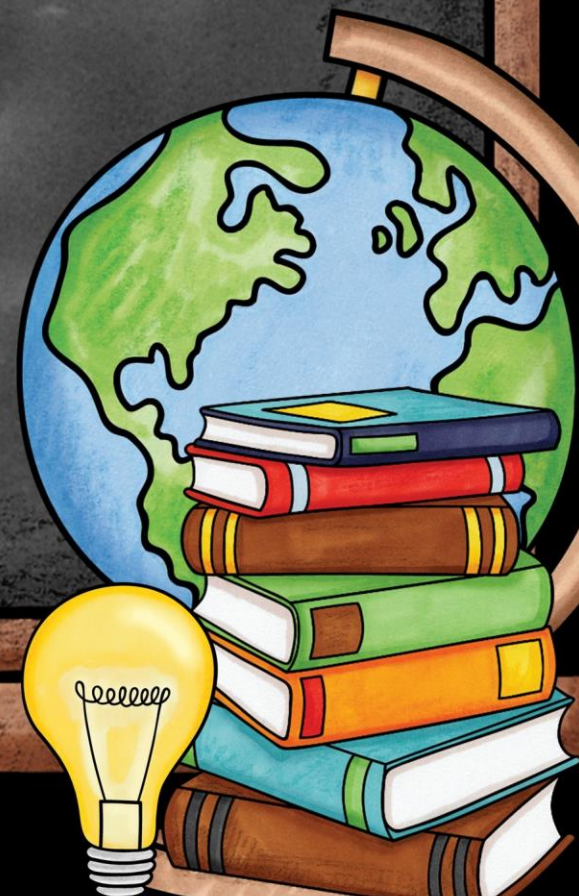


HOMEWORK

Homework packets will be sent home on Mondays. The first packet will go home September 6th. Packets are due the following Monday. Weekly reading books will go home on Mondays. Students will also have the opportunity to bring additional books home. Weekly reading graphs should also be completed. Please sign the weekly homework packet and reading graph. Poetry folders will go home on Fridays.



CURRICULUM



READING

Word Work

Phonological Awareness

Phonics

High Frequency Words

Reader's Workshop

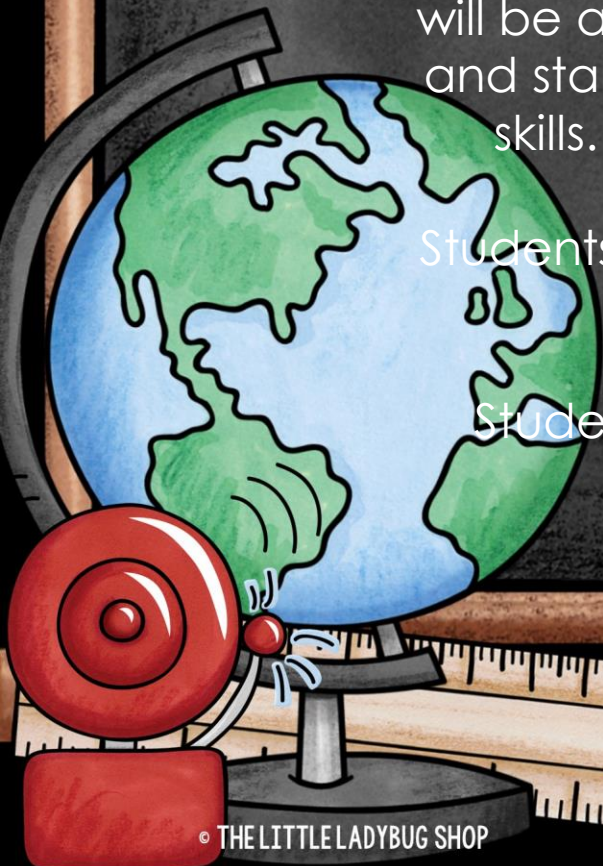
Literacy comprehension and vocabulary development will be a focus. We will work on building reading fluency and stamina. Students will apply listening and speaking skills. A wide range of reading genre will be used.

Flexible Groups

Students will meet in small groups. Groups will be based on students' reading needs.

Independent Work

Students will be engaged in work stations while the teacher is working with a small group.



LANGUAGE ARTS

Handwriting
Zaner Bloser
Spelling

Our first spelling test will be given on September 16th. Spelling tests will be given on Fridays.

English

Students will learn different strategies and skills to help them become better writers. Various types of writing genres will be introduced.



MATH

Students will be taught a specific strategies to enable them to become problem solvers. They will be engaged in both small group and whole group instruction. Small groups will be based on the students' math needs.

Content Focus:

Number Sense

Computation (addition & subtraction)

Fact Fluency

Geometry

Measurement

Telling Time/Money

Fractions

Problem Solving



SCIENCE

We will be gathering data and using scientific investigations during our science units.

Content Focus:

Environment

Living Things

Habitats

Source of Energy (Sun)

Weather/Forms of Water

Force/Motion

Health

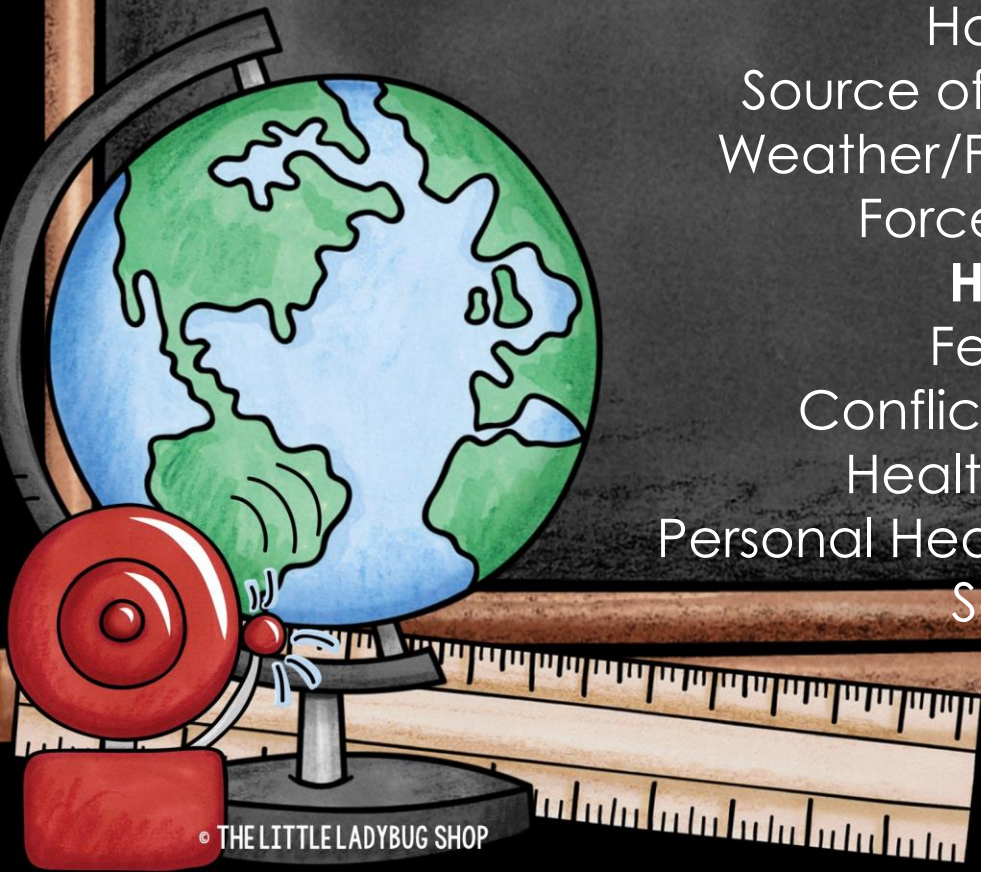
Feelings

Conflict Strategies

Healthy Eating

Personal Health and Wellness

Safety



SOCIAL STUDIES

We subscribe to Scholastic News. This magazine highlights current events.

Content Focus:

History

Geography

Government

Economics



Religion

Prayer

1st trimester- The Sign of the Cross & The Our Father

2nd trimester- Glory Be

3rd trimester- Hail Mary

Liturgy

We will attend Mass every other week.

First grade will host a Mass once during the year.

Content Focus:

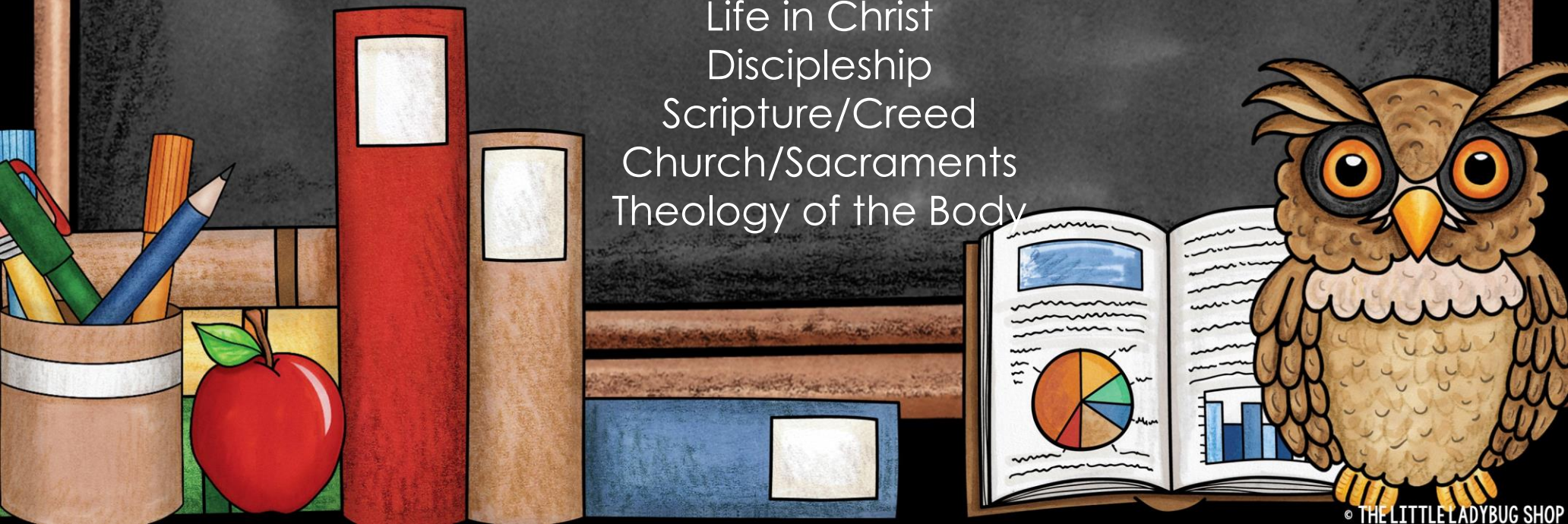
Life in Christ

Discipleship

Scripture/Creed

Church/Sacraments

Theology of the Body





MUSIC, PE, ART

Mr. Bethune will be teaching music. PE is taught by Mr. Schriml. Mrs. Mendelson is the art teacher.

r.bethune@stgabeschool.org

j.schriml@stgabeschool.org

b.mendelson@stgabeschool.org



FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Mr. Harris will teach Spanish
once a week.

Mr. Harris
j.harris@stgabeschool.org





TECHNOLOGY

Our class will go to the
computer lab every Friday.

Mrs. Morales & Mrs. Klenke

a.morales@stgabeschool.org

j.klenke@stgabeschool.org

Ipads will be used in the classroom.



VOLUNTEERS

Parent volunteers are needed in the classroom to assist in reading. Mrs. Ziska's time would be Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00-11:00. Mrs. Clark's time would be Tuesday and Thursday 10:30-11:15. We are flexible with how often you would like to come in.

Mystery readers are welcomed. Please email your child's teacher if you would like to come in.

All volunteers must be current with Safe Parish.

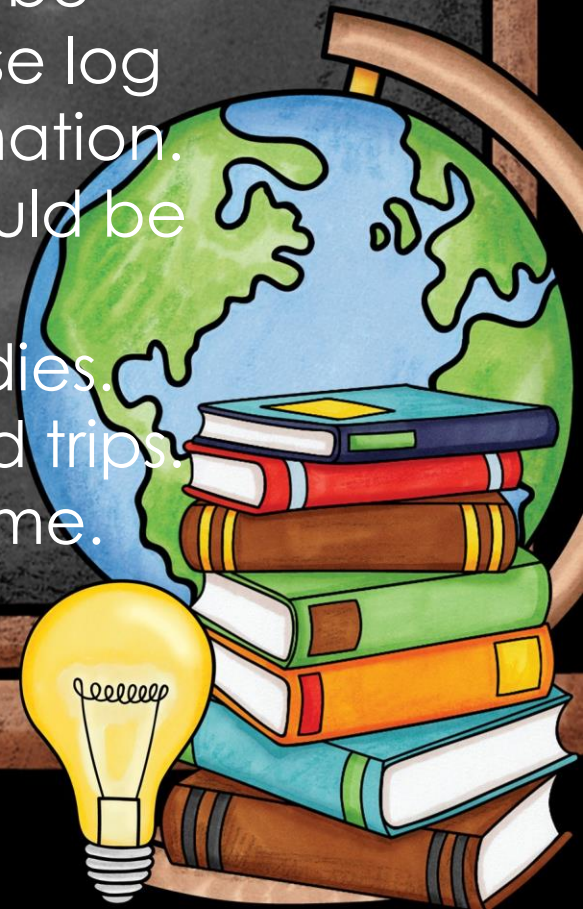




OTHER INFO...

Communication is very important. Please read the weekly newsletter and the school newsletter. Attached is an example of the class newsletter. Newsletters will be emailed through Final Forms. Please log into Progress Book for school information. Questions about Progress Book should be directed to Mrs. Gutman.

We will meet with 7th grade buddies. First grade will be going on two field trips. More information will be sent home.



Safety Precautions

Students will wash hands or use hand sanitizer through out the day.

Desks and areas of the classroom will be disinfected.

We will have fire, tornado, and lock down drills through out the year.

