Week one at a glance:

It’s hard to believe that we have completed the first week of school. Although we did not dig right into the academic curriculum, we were able to get a lot accomplished. As a class we were able to complete activities that allowed us to get to know each other a little better.

Religion:

Last week we read a book by the author Max Lucado. For those of you who are not familiar with this author, he does a phenomenal job writing books that capture a child’s attention while teaching valuable lessons. One of the books that we read was titled “You are Special”. This story introduces a character named Eli who is the maker of a village of wooden people known as Wemmicks. The Wemmicks go throughout the village with sticker books of stars and dots. For those Wemmicks that have beautiful wood, are talented and do great things, they hand out stars. For those who are made of scratched or less attractive wood, who don’t have many talents or who are less “cool”, they distribute dots. One of the Wemmicks, Punchinello has many dots. He tries to receive stars, but he always ends up doing something that earns him more dots. One day he meets a Wemmick named Lucia who doesn’t have any dots or stars. He asks her why she doesn’t have any stickers. She responds by saying that it doesn’t matter what other people think of her, only what Eli thinks of her. She then proceeds to tell him that he should visit Eli. Although he is very nervous and somewhat scared of what Eli will think of all of his dots, Punchinello finally decides to pay Eli a visit. He is pleasantly surprised that Eli doesn’t care what other think. Eli explains to Punchinello that he is special because he made him and he doesn’t make mistakes. After reading the book we discussed as a class possible scenarios of how we too distribute stars and dots to our peers. We talked about how each of us may look different and have different talents, but we are made in His image. He made us to have the talents that we have so that we can help others. Even though each of us is unique, we are all special and must respect each other’s differences.

Specials:

Our special schedule is as follows:

- **Monday**: Spanish and Music
- **Tuesday**: Keyboarding
- **Wednesday**: PEP, Art
- **Thursday**: Gym
- **Friday**: Library and Keyboarding

Notes & Reminders:

* I will begin checking signatures in the HW Assignment Notebooks on Tuesday, September 8th.
* My newsletters will be sent via email. I will also be posting them on my website. My website can be found as a link from the St. Pius website.
* Spelling words can also be found on my website. Click on the Spelling City link and download the short vowel a and i list. The first 15 words are our normal list. The last 5 words are bonus words. If your child spells all 20 words correctly, they would receive a + on their spelling test.
* Back to school night is this Thursday, September 3rd, at 7pm. We are hoping to see all of you there. I have so much information to share with you!
* There will be no school on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day.
* School picture day is Tuesday, September 8th.