

St. Paul's Lutheran School

School Newsletter

September 21, 2020

"Be Still And Know"

--Psalm 46:10

"St. Paul's Lutheran School exists to assist the congregation and community by partnering with parents for the gospel growth of children - spiritually, academically, socially, emotionally, and physically - all through the Life-saving gospel of Jesus Christ."

General:

Calendar Change: On our school calendar, October 12-14 shows that we do not have school. This was planned to be our District Teacher's Conference that happens every year. Due to COVID, this conference was cancelled. The decision was made to remove two of those "off-days" and reposition them elsewhere in the school year. Please make the following changes to your calendar: **Tuesday-Wednesday, October 13-14:** We WILL have school. **Friday, March 26:** We will NOT have school. There is still one day that we can take off, but that date is yet to be determined.

School Pictures: Our school pictures will be taken next Monday for grades K-8 and our Monday preschool class. The Tuesday preschool class will have their pictures taken on Tuesday. Please make sure that outfits are still following the school dress code!

Bible Information Class: Are you interested to learn more about what your child is learning about the Bible at our school? Do you find yourself without a church home? Do you want to know more about the basics of Scripture? Pastor Hirsch is offering a one or two-time class for parents that answered yes to any of the questions above. No commitments necessary! There is no date set for this class yet. Please either call the school office or email pahirschki@gmail.com to let us know you're interested!

NWEA MAP Testing: Many of our students in grades 1-8 will be doing their NWEA MAP Testing this week. It is especially important that they get good nights of sleep and eat well each of the days that they'll be testing so that they can do their best! These results will help our teachers as they plan their instruction for the rest of the year.

Sports Camps: Even though we decided to cancel fall athletics this year, we want to give our students an opportunity to play and get active. Because of that, we are putting on our own soccer and volleyball camps for our own students in grades 5-8. A sign-up form will be shared this week for those students who are interested. The soccer camp will take place on Mondays from 3:45-5:00 starting on September 28th all the way through October 26th (no camp on October 12th). Volleyball camp will take place on Wednesdays from 3:45-5:00 starting on September 30th all the way through October 21st. Boys and girls are welcome to attend both camps!

Trunk or Treat: Our Trunk or Treat committee met for the first time last Thursday to begin making plans for our event taking place on **Sunday, October 25th from 4:00-5:30.** There will be A LOT of help needed for this event, so please stay tuned for volunteer sign-ups that come out!

School Store: Many students received their "hugger" prize last week for participating in our School Store program! As of last Friday afternoon, over \$2500 was already spent in our School Store, with \$2350 in gift cards donated directly to our teachers! Thank you for your participation and for supporting our school! This program lasts all the way through the school year.

SCRIP: Want another easy way to support our school? Utilize our SCRIP program! This week, Kristen will be outside on Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning only. Purchase gift cards for things you're going to spend money on anyway! Gas stations, restaurants, grocery stores, etc. are all available- and St. Paul's earns rewards on the gift cards you buy!

Social Media: If you are not currently following us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, please do so as it is another great way to see what events we have coming up as well as get reminders and see pictures of students during the week! @stpaulslutherannorfolk is our handle for Facebook and Instagram and @stplsnofolk for Twitter!

BAND

Many students forgot their instruments last week. Please note the correct lesson day and time! Recess lessons will be in Mr. Brown's room. Study hall lessons will take place across the school in the "band room". Group band will restart sometime in October after we've all had a few lessons again! ☺ Please note, we have passed the deadline (last Fri.) to continue lessons if you have not turned in your payment for the first semester. If you would like to continue with band, please make sure your registration form and payment are turned in. Thank you.

"BAD" BAND JOKE OF THE WEEK: *What's the difference between an instrument and a fish?*

- You can't tuna [tune a] fish!

St. Paul's Church singing:

*A reminder that all classroom singing will be prerecorded this school year.

Great job PRAISE choir on your first singing performance! Your work is appreciated! We will now begin working on our next song for October.

PRAISE Choir singing dates 1st semester.

October 17,18

November 14,15

December 19,20

Chapel This Week:

Mission Offerings: Devotions are a great way to daily feed your faith. You might use a devotion book or Meditations. Another option is Time of Grace which you can receive on your phone, computer, email, etc. This semester our Wednesday chapel offerings will be going to Time of Grace ministries.

Amount collected last week: \$ 44.28

Total amount collected this semester: \$206.85

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Little Lambs Preschool Newsletter can be found on the school website (www.stpls.com)

MWF Morning/Afternoon Class

When parents discipline their children they are really showing love for them. It shows they care enough to teach them to follow the rules and be responsible. **God Saves Adam and Eve** is our bible talk this week. We will learn how God disciplined Adam and Eve after they sinned. Saying I'm sorry and asking forgiveness is huge! We will practice those skills.

We will talk about the world and see where we live on our globe. Different parts of the world use different languages. I wonder how many ways we can say hello?

Tue/Thur Class

Jesus Feeds 5000 is our story in this class. The way these people were fed is truly a miracle!

We will track food from the farm to the table. Where it starts and how it gets to us is simply amazing!

The 2 day class will study feelings in our Scholastic magazine. We will practice reading faces to predict how they are feeling.

New songs will be introduced in all three classes. The silly little song is one of my favorites.

Learning about our 5 senses will continue in all areas of our studies. The first day of FALL is Tuesday the 22nd!

Have a wonderful week walking with Jesus,

Mrs. Mullen

Mrs. Brown's Room (Kindergarten)

Hello families! Welcome to our new week of Kindergarten:

Christ Light: Students will be hearing the Bible story, “God Saves Noah and His Family”. They will learn about how God showed love to Noah and his family and how he shows love to us, too!

Bible Verse: 1 Timothy 2:3-4 God, our Savior, wants all men to be saved.

Superkids: The children were so excited to meet their first Superpet, Golly! Be sure to ask your child what silly thing Golly likes to do. This week they will be listening for beginning and ending sounds and will also continue to identify words that rhyme and don't rhyme. They will also meet their next Superkid, Alf, and hear about the adventures he likes to take as they review the letter Aa and its sound.

Math: The children will practice writing the numbers 7-10 this week. They will work with cubes, bear counters, mini dogs, and dog bones to discover different ways to combine smaller numbers of objects together to make 8, 9, and 10. They will also order objects to 10, talking about how many more one number is than another number.

Writing: We have made it to our first Writing Celebration Day! This is a fun day for the children as they get to share the writing they have done with their friends. They are especially excited to bring their writing home to share with their families. They have been working so hard on becoming better writers and nothing is more rewarding than being able to share one's work with others!

The children will begin a new writing unit this week about writing personal narratives. In this unit they will begin to expand their writing from individual unrelated pages, to stretching their story out over several pages to make a book to tell their personal stories.

Unit Studies: In science this week the students will be identifying common symbols and landforms on a map. They will talk about the city, state, and country in which they live, and locate where they live on a map. Now is a great time for you to start helping your child learn his address. By saying it with him a few times a night, he will learn it in no time!

ABC Bootcamp: We are over halfway through the alphabet already! This week we will work with the letters Ee, Oo, Qq, and Uu. I wonder if the children will be able to guess the picture for the letter Uu headbands. It is super-silly and will get lots of laughs!

Reading Pockets: Thanks so much for all your help at home! Here's what you can expect to see in your child's reading pockets this week:

Daily: Reading/letter cards

Thursday: Christ Light Bible story/worksheet

Show and Tell: We will be having show and tell this Friday. Your child may bring something that is special to him. Please make sure it is appropriate for school and that it fits in his backpack. Thanks!

Have a super week!

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Mrs. Spreeman (Grade 1)

Happy Monday!

This week we will learn about Jesus' baptism and about temptation. Both of these lessons show us that Jesus came to take our place. The Superkids introduce us to the /sh/ sound. Our spelling words will have that sound as well as having some sight words on our spelling list. We will continue our apple studies this week. Last week we celebrated International Dot Day, Constitution Day, and Talk Like a Pirate Day. This week we will usher in Autumn and maybe make an apple pie. Ask your child what happened when we froze an apple and thawed it again.

Show and Tell: Bring something shaped like a circle.

Homework

MONDAY: read lesson 5A The Baptism of Jesus / journal / baptism sheet (parent can fill out) / memory: ***Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.***

TUESDAY: math / supershort

WEDNESDAY: Superkid story / sign bookmark

THURSDAY: read lesson 5B / Jesus is Tempted / journal / memory: ***1 Peter 5:8 Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.***

Great work with the Sight Word lists! These kids love to find the sight words they know in poems that we read and in Superkid stories.

Have a great week!

Mrs. Nelson (Grade 2)

Thank you for all of the kind words, gifts and treats for my birthday! I am so blessed!

This week in Christlight we'll hear the lessons: The Baptism of Jesus and Jesus is tempted. The children will hear that Jesus lived a perfect, sinless life as part of his work to save us. They will bring home the Christlight journal on Monday and Thursday.

In Superkids we are looking at words that end with -le and -ng, writing a personal narrative paragraph, and starting our book club part of the Superkids curriculum - half of the students will be reading Breakout in the Bug Lab and the other half will be reading Mercy Watson Fights Crime.

In Social Sciences we will be talking about plants and citizens.

Show and Tell - Girls bring in your favorite book (Wednesday)

Have a great week! Mrs. Nelson

Mrs. Rixe's Classes (Grades 3 & 4)

MAP testing this week. Please encourage your child to get an extra night's good rest and healthy breakfast to help him/her be at their best.

Christ Light: This week our lessons are The baptism of Jesus & The temptation of Jesus. Tuesday's memory is Ps. 119:105; Friday's memory is 1 Peter 5:8.

Spelling: Unit 5. Pages 42-43 are due on Wednesday, while pages 44-45 are due on Friday.

Language: Nouns will be our new unit. Finding the complete subject can be a little tricky--stay away from the verb is the best advice. :)

Science: We had our first quiz last week. Our next unit is to discover more things that move in space. Did you know there is an asteroid belt?

Junior Art (3/4): There is a quiz on color this Friday.

Math: 3rd grade will be learning to round numbers to the nearest 10 and shading thirds. Ask us what "thirds" means. 4th grade will be learning the difference between a numerator and a denominator, as well as range and mode.

Reading (3/4): Owl Moon is our next story.

BOOK REPORTS: Posters (and AR test) are due on September 29th.

Reading (5/6): A biography about Roberto Clemente is our next story. Ask us what sport he played.

Creative Writing (7/8): **There is a quiz this Thursday on the parts of an essay. Our new assignment is to describe 3 healthy ways to handle stress.

"Carry each other's burdens."

Mr. Brown's Classes (Grades 5 & 6)

- 1st Quarter mid-quarter reports come home this week. Remember that parents and students can daily check student grades using the Powerschool app.
- MAP TESTING STARTS FOR GRADES 5-6 THIS TUESDAY! Be sure to get plenty of rest and eat a good breakfast each day this week to do your best!

5-6 ChristLight— Our stories this week are Jesus Changes Water into Wine and Jesus Heals the Official's Son. In both of these stories we focus on the theme: Jesus' first miracles show that he is God. *****Memory**

Treasures: Ephesians 3:20(a) 1 Timothy 2:5 = Thursday

5-6 Spelling—This week students are working on LESSON 5.

5-6 Social Studies— We have started our 2nd unit of the year about the “Age of Exploration”! This is the time when people started to sail around the world and “discover” new lands that had been unknown to Europeans in the past. Also a heads up that there is a “bigger” explorer research project starting this week where students get to choose an explorer and use Google Slides to create a presentation. We will be working on this project throughout the week.

7-8 U.S. History— We have entered Unit 2 and will begin learning about the new colonies forming in America and their growth.

3-4 Social Studies— The students should have finished their “Neighborhood Map” and they are proudly hanging in the hallway! Students are using this class period to do MAP TESTING all this week.

5-6 Music— We continue our Rhythm/Percussion instrument unit! We will continue to experiment with different percussion instruments and learn new songs as we read music and keep time.

7-8 Music— We have started our second unit in upper-grade music class this year. We’ve moved on from Impressionism to Modernism. The two composers we are studying are Prokofiev and Stravinsky. Two of the most famous songs we study in this unit is Peter and the Wolf and The Firebird.

If you have any questions contact me on Classtag or the following: scottbrown@stpls.com or 402-730-3278.

Thank you for your partnership,

Mr. Brown

Mr. Markgraf's Classes (Grades 7 & 8)

7-8 Religion: We’re looking at the importance of context in Scripture this week. Too often, passages are taken out of context! We’ll be practicing how to use the surrounding statements to allow us to interpret the meaning of certain sections of the Bible.

Math: Another test is coming this week! Algebra is starting to find out that this year isn’t going to be all easy review like we’ve had so far!

7-8 Science: Our main focus last week was on cells and the organelles that make a cell work the way it does. This week, our focus will be on all the different things that cells do! Our essential question for this unit is: “How does God use cells to sustain life?”

3-8 P.E.: It’s time for some fun this week! We will be playing an old favorite: Capture the flag! But there’s a twist...

God bless your week!

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Miss Lindemann's Classes

7-8th Hymnology- "Jesus Sinners Does Receive" hymn 304 v 1, 6, and 7 are due this week Wednesday. We will study hymn 349 "Amazing Grace" this on Wednesday.

7-8th Language Arts- After finishing up talking about nouns, the 7-8th grade class will begin working on their first essay in English...a Research Report!!!

Course 2 Math- Monday is our 2nd test of the year. Afterwards we will be moving away from fractions and towards geometry. Measuring angles, classifying polygons, and finding perimeters.

7-8th Literature- We have reached the end of our first novel. This week we will be having our final discussions on the last few chapters. We will also spend this week wrapping up reader response projects and sharing our work the class so that we are ready to begin our new novel next week.

5-6th Science- We continue to look at weather and climate this week as we follow the water cycle, weather fronts, and read some articles. This will be our last week of weather though. We will have a review next Monday with a test the following day.

5-6th Social Studies- Today we move away from the infographic a little as we research times throughout history of each of the branches of governments do their specific jobs. Students will research news articles and broadcasts and create a presentation to show the class.

3-4th Music- Our liturgy study is under way. Students are learning to identify the different parts of the liturgy while also learning the Biblical and historical reasons why we include them.

If you have any questions or concerns, always feel free to call or text me at 920-663-1892 or email me at lisalindemann@stpls.com. God's blessings on your week!

-Ms. Lisa Lindemann

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