

Principal's Corner - Mr. Snow

The board is pleased to announce that Melissa Linse will be the acting interim principal for the next school year after Curt Snow retires. She will serve as halftime principal and halftime Kindergarten teacher for the 22-23 school year.

The School Choice open enrollment will be starting in February, watch for more information to follow. If you know of a family that might be interested, please call the school office, 361-0555.

Report cards came home this week, make sure you look them over.

If you are interested in ordering free Covid tests for your family, the website to go to is covidtests.gov. Each household is eligible to receive four free tests.

Stay warm.

Go Pack Go!

<u>Lutheran Schools Week Dress-ups and Activities:</u>

Monday- Dress like your favorite character from a book or movie Tuesday - Pajama Day. Movie on the big screen in the gym Wednesday - Fancy Dress Up Day. Bowling at Berlin Lanes

Thursday - Jelly Bean Day 4K wears green, Kindergarten wears yell ow, 1st and 2nd grade wear pink, 3rd and 4th grade wear pur ple, 5th and 6th grade wear orange and 7th and 8th grade wears blue. Sledding at Zobel park in the afternoon

Friday- No School for Kindergarten to 8th grade. 4K will present "The Mitten"

January 21, 2022

Weekly Edition

Upcoming Events

Jan 23-29 -Lutheran Schools Week

Jan 24 -B-Boys & B-Girls @ Trinity Oshkosh

Jan 28 -NO school for K-8th

4K presents The Mitten

Feb 3-5 -B- Boys Tournament @ Trinity, Oshkosh

Feb 8-C-Team & A-Boys @ home vs Celebration

Board of Education meeting

Feb 9 -Cheerleading party

Feb 10-11 -5th & 6th grade Outdoor Education

> Mark Your Calendars!

Chapel Offering: \$23.67 Total Offerings: \$23.67

4K Mrs. Snow

PS/K Miss Linse

1st/2nd Mrs. Fritsch

ACADEMICS

Next week is Jj week. We have sent a paper that you can do with your child. We also sent a review paper for the letter Ii. Please help your child complete them and return to school. Your child will be able to share it with their classmates. Our poem for this week was "Wee Willie Winkie".

The Timber Rattlers reading challenge went home today. Please have your child color and return the base runners as you meet the reading goals of 10 books each 2 weeks. A home run earns your child a ticket to a Timber Rattler game, a coupon for hot dog and soda at the game.

JESUS TIME

Bartimaeus was a poor, blind beggar. He didn't seem to be an important person. Yet, he demonstrated his faith in Jesus by calling Him "the Son of David." He was not deterred when the crowd tried to shush him. Jesus heard his cries and healed his sight. We can be assured that even when we feel small, unimportant, and unheard, we are important to God and he will hear our prayers.

SCHOOL CHOICE

School Choice enrollment begins on Feb. 1. Your child can attend St. John at no cost, if you financially qualify. Contact Deb Schrader for more information.

THE MITTEN

This is a mini musical that we will perform. We will have a dress rehearsal on Thursday, Jan. 27, for some of the classes in the building. On Friday, Jan. 28, we will perform in our school gym for parents that can attend. It is approximately 20 minutes. The AM will perform at 9:45 and PM at 2:00. If you plan to come, enter through the front entrance and go to the gym. Please wear a mask. My plan is to record the performance so you can order a DVD if you would like.

MATH

We made snowmen that we used to compare alike and different features, then we graphed our results. We learned a new workplace game comparing red and blue items, using the words more, less or the same.

During Jesus time, we read the story of Jesus as a boy traveling with his family to Jerusalem.

They were traveling to celebrate the Feast of Passover, and Jesus spent time in the temple, talking with the teachers. God gives us teachers to help us grow in the knowledge and understanding of God's Word.

We met our newest friend Ettabetta this week. She loves puzzles and riddles, and we are working with her on the short e sound, like you hear in egg. We brought home our new word bags which contain sight words and words we can sound out. Please help us to practice these every day.

We have finished math lesson 73 today.

Next week is National Lutheran Schools week and while it may be a little different year, we are still going to have our dress-up day fun. Monday's dress up day is favorite character day (book or movie - please keep it school appropriate). Tuesday is Pajama Day, wear your PJs to school and bring your favorite stuffed animal and blanket. You can even bring slippers to school, and we will get to watch a movie in the gym. Wednesday is Fancy Day, and we will be going bowling in the afternoon. Thursday is Jellybean Day, (our class is wearing yellow) and we are hoping to go sledding at Zobel hill in the afternoon, Please return all permission slips so that your child can participate in these fun activities. No School Friday the 28th.

We learned that King Hezekiah got sick and prayed to God, and God let him live 15 more years. The King was hoping that Daniel's God would keep him safe from the lions. The King's men tricked the king into making a law that said everyone should worship the King. Daniel wouldn't, because he believed in God. So the King had to put Daniel in the lion's den. God kept Daniel safe by having the angels close the mouth's of the lions. Once the King realized that Daniel's God was the true God, he wanted everyone in his kingdom to worship the true God.

2nd Grade learned how to tell time to the five minutes, use the hundreds blocks, tens rods, and ones cubes, adding two digit prices totaling over a dollar, reading thermometers, and realizing that -9 degrees is too cold for outside recess! In first grade, we practiced tally marks, counting and adding even and odd numbers, telling time, writing number words, how to draw straight line segments, and getting faster on our mad minute. You can see we have been busy!

In our Superkids book, first grade read "The Best Sandbox Ever," and did pages of activities. Second grade read Chapter 6, and did pages of activities. We will have Spelling Words due on Monday, but with Lutheran Schools Week, we will do a lot of AR reading and testing.

In Chapel we learned that Jesus sent us a TEXT MESSAGE: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, the Good News is that Jesus is the Savior of the world!" What will you text back to God? We all TEXT every day! What will your text response be?

For Jelly Bean Day, First and Second grade color for the day is PINK! If you do not have a pink shirt, let Mrs. Fritsch know, I have lots!

3rd/4th Grade Mrs. Cargin

A very cold week in 3rd and 4th grade!

In Bible, we have been talking about Prayer and "Hallowed be thy name." We have talked about how the word "Hallowed" means holy and what it means to keep God's name holy. We are finishing up memorizing the commandments. We just did commandment number 8 on Friday and we will be memorizing commandment 9 next week.

In Math, we have been working on multiplication and word problems. We completed our math test on Friday as well as our Star math test! I am so proud of how far your children have come this year!

Language Arts: In Writing, we are learning about Opinion Writing. We worked on writing strong leads in our writing, and coming up with goals to work on during this unit! In Reading, we are working on craft and structure of stories, poems, and plays/ dramas. We learned that poems have lines and stanzas and stories are broken up into chapters. We specifically looked at a poem called "If I were older," and a play about a magician named Samuel or Samantha! In Language, we continued working on adding commas in dates, and where to put commas. We also started to learn about direct quotations and where to put the quotation marks! In 4th grade, we have been continuing working on diagramming sentences, and starting learning about direct and indirect quotations. In Phonics, we started a new unit in third grade on vowel pairs and diagraph sounds. In 4th grade we are working on contractions.

In Art, we finished painting our folk art winter barns. We worked on pattern as we drew and colored our Russian Nesting Dolls. In History, we finished learning about Lewis and Clark and Sacagawea. We will be taking a test in History on Monday.

Next week is going to be Lutheran Schools week where we celebrate how awesome it is to be able to preach the gospel to children in school! We will be celebrating by doing activities as a school as well as being able to dress up in fun attire! Monday is dress like your favorite movie or book character. Please be advised that these need to be school appropriate. Tuesday is pajama day, and Wednesday is best dressed. Please send other clothes for recess time. Thursday is Jellybean day. Our color for our classroom is Purple. Please wear purple to school!

Have a wonderful Weekend! Stay Warm! God Bless,

5th/6th Grade Mr. Snow

We are planning a trip to the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station by Amherst Junction on February 10-11 for outdoor education. This is an over-night field trip where we learn about survival skills, astronomy, animals of Wisconsin, and much more. We will send an information sheet home next week with all the details. If you are a parent who would like to chaperone please contact Mr. Snow.

We took a test in Science class Thursday that covered our rock chapter. You should see those tests at home this weekend.

In Social Studies, we are learning about religion and politics in the original 13 colonies.

We are half way through our math books. We assigned set 64 today, so we are looking at math test 12 next week Tuesday.

In art we are working on newspaper ads for a special edition of the Berlin Journal.

We are reading The Silver Chair in reading class. Eustace and his friend from his boarding school, Jill, have been summoned back to Narnia to search for a lost prince. We are learning about the adventures and dangers as they travel north of Narnia in the land of the giants. Ask your child what they are learning.

We are happy to have all our chairs filled again after several student have been at home for a while.

We will be welcoming a new student to our class on Monday.

For Lutheran Schools Week our class is Orange on Jellybean day on Thursday. Dress in your finest orange outfits.

7th/8th Grade Mr. Pett

This was a very short week, and many things were packed into it. We have been enjoying The Island of the Blue Dolphins and we are about halfway through the book. We are learning about more early beginnings in History including the XYZ Affair and the Louisiana Purchase. We are still discussing the fossil record and the holes in evolution in Science. We will have had a English quiz on punctuation and parts of speech on Friday January 28th.

We will have another Lutheran Schools Week upon us next week. Please be aware of the scheduled days. I made a schedule for my students and sent it home with them on Thursday January 27th. If you did not receive a copy, let me know so I can email one to you.

I hope to see all of you at the class trip meeting on January 25th at 6pm in the church basement. I did email all of the parents. If you did not receive the email, let me know. This is important we kick this off properly. We have plenty to talk about.

Our Jelly Bean color is Blue for Thursday

Serving together in the Kingdom of the Lord,

Mr. Pett

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SPORTS

Over the weekend the B boys' team played in a tournament at Valley Christian. They played well together as a team and worked hard and finished in 3rd place. All four teams played against St Paul, Manawa on Tuesday. They played well together and fought hard. The B girls' team was able to hold on in a close nailbiter of a game to win 29-27. Sadly, the other teams fell short of victory. Thursday the A teams traveled to Fox Valley Christian Academy and while both teams gave it their all and the girls scored more points in a game then they had all year, neither team was able to secure a win. Way to play hard and keep fighting teams.

Next week, the B teams travel to Trinity, Oshkosh on Monday. The A boys' team will travel to New Hope on Saturday for a tournament. NO 4th grade practice on Friday the 28th because there is no school.

HANDBELLS

We will play our Christmas piece on Sunday, January 23, at 8am. This will kick off Lutheran Schools Week! Be to church at 7:50am. Boys dressed and ready, girls come to change. I will bring donuts, bring your own drink. See you at 7:50am at St. John Lutheran Church. ~ Mrs. Fritsch

LIBRARY NEWS

2022 AR Challenge: The annual AR Challenge is set to begin January 24, 2022. Any elementary LCMS school in the United States and Canada that are presently using the Accelerated Reader Program may enter the contest. The purpose of challenge is to provide an incentive and motivation for our children at Lutheran Schools to read more and have fun. Reading for the contest can occur anywhere the children are - at home, school, in the car, etc. All reporting of points will be done by Mrs. Schrader.

FANG READING PROGRAM

Each class will be participating in the Fang Reading Program sponsored by the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers. This is an incentive-based reading program that will encourage your child to read. Each classroom has a 2-week goal they need to complete in order to move on. The challenge lasts for 8 weeks and everyone who completes each of the 4 goals will receive a complimentary ticket and hot dog & soda voucher for our school's family day on May 22nd. You will be receiving more information from your child's teacher.

NO SCHOOL

There is also no school for Kindergarten to 8th grade on Friday, January 28th. 4K will meet as usual, and they will be doing their presentation of "The Mitten".

WALKING WELLNESS CHALLENGE

An information sheet about the Walking challenge sponsored by the St. John Wellness Committee will be coming home next week. This is for grades K to 8th, and is voluntary, no one is required to participate.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DVDS

I have found out that the Christmas program DVDs only work in a computer. If you send back your DVD with your child, I will get it corrected so it will work in your DVD player. I am so very sorry for the added headache.

FORMER TEACHER RETIRING

Dear Friends in Christ.

I am reaching out to you today for help. A former principal and his wife who taught at St John are retiring this year. Karl and Carol Sattler are currently at Good Shepherd Lutheran in East Troy, Wisconsin and the congregation there is making a scrapbook of letters from families and students that have had them in the past. My sister is a member there and my niece/ Goddaughter is in his 8th grade class.

If anyone is interested in writing a letter or has pictures to contribute, it would be appreciated. It can be emailed to Jenniferdopke@gmail.com . It will need to be received by March 15, 2022 so it can be assembled.

God's Blessings, Mr. Pett

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Hot Lunch Next Week

<u>Mon, Jan. 24th</u>

Hamburger on WG bun, cheese slices, parsley buttered potatoes, milk carrots-vegs, applesauce Tues, Jan. 25th

Hot ham & cheese on WG bun, tator tots, carrots-vegs, pineapple tidbits, milk

Wed, Jan. 26th

Hot dogs-mini corn dogs, French fries, baked beans, carrots-vegs, chilled pears, milk

Thurs, Jan. 27th

Pizza, rice pilaf, carrotsvegs, chilled peaches, milk Fri, Jan 28th

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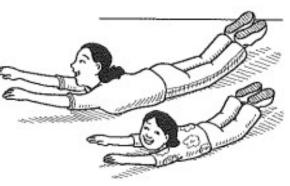


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Exercise = fun

When children are young, exercise isn't

exercise—it's just plain fun! Use these ideas for putting more physical activity into your youngster's day.



Superman

Lie on your tummy with your arms straight out in front of you (as if you're flying). Lift your chest, arms, and legs off the ground at the same time, and hold for five seconds. Lie back down. "Fly" 10 more times.

Bubble jumping jacks

Have your child do jumping jacks as you blow bubbles toward her. How many bubbles can she pop as she jumps? Switch, and let her blow the bubbles as you do jumping jacks.

Freeze dance

Play music, and dance up a storm. When you stop the music, everyone freezes. Hold your poses for 10 seconds, and start the music back up. ●

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