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The Timber Times
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School News

Mission Offering

Last week our offering total was \$27.21, which brings our total to \$86.66. Please continue to encourage your children to give their offerings each week. Thank you for your generous giving! P.S. we have one more week to meet our \$250 goal!

Early Release and No School Monday

Tomorrow, January 12th we have a half day for curriculum study (PM3's are off school). The following Monday, January 15th, is MLK Jr. Day, so we will be taking that day off as well. Blessings on your long weekend!

Basketball

Games have been scheduled and are on the school calendar. The location as well as the times the kids are dismissed should all be on the calendar. Check out the sports bulletin board by the Kindergarten classroom. Lastly, we are still in need of someone to do the scoreboard during the home games. There are only 2 home games this year, so we will not be doing concessions. Please speak to Miss Rosbaum if you are able to help out.

January Timber Talk

In technology class this year, the 5-8 graders are working in small groups to make and edit monthly videos to tell you about some of the events/things going on at school or church throughout the specific month they got assigned. The kids decided to name the videos "Timber Talk". Here is the link to watch: [January Timber Talk 2024](#)



Mr. Biebert's Call

Over the weekend Mr. Biebert received a call to Risen Savior in Mankato, MN. Please keep our family in your prayers during the next few weeks, and if you have any encouragement for Mr. Biebert I'm sure he would love to hear it!

This is also a good reminder to continue to pray that God's word can reach all people, everywhere!

Junior Choir

Our next rehearsal will be Monday, January 24th @ 3:45-4:30. We will really be focusing on the anthems for the hockey game. If you need the ticket information, please let me know. I will also be sending home a rehearsal schedule and posting it on the google calendar.

Cold Temps

As we begin to see temperatures dropping, please encourage your children to remember all their winter gear! Even with colder weather, it is so important for them to get fresh air and the opportunity to relax during the day at recess.

Moms and Muffins

Moms and Muffins is coming up on Thursday, January 25th from 4-5PM. Use [this link](#) or the QR code to register. We want to make sure we have enough supplies for everyone so please register before Tuesday January 16th. If mom is not able to make it, another family member may join instead. We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Miss Broyles or Miss Taasaas.



Night with the Chiefs!

Our church and school have reserved a couple of nights with the Chiefs. The first is on January 27th. Please use [this link](#) or the QR code to reserve your tickets! Please note, the Junior Choir sings for the Chiefs night in February :)



Family Appreciation Dinner

We are hosting a dinner on February 2nd to honor our church and school parents! The dinner will be kid-free - childcare will be provided on site (at no cost to families!). Please [RSVP](#) the number of adults that will attend, along with the number of kids who need childcare.

The event will be taking place at the Nazarene gym (9004 N Country Homes) from 5:30-7:00PM.



EARLY RELEASE TOMORROW | NO SCHOOL MONDAY

Classroom News

Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

Another absolutely amazing week celebrating our Winter Theme in preschool!! The Christmas trees have finally come down and now our easel snowmen go up!! You need to come and check out our classroom!! It just screams Winter!! Some of the classes got to make snowmen mobiles this week. We cut circles and drew faces on our snowmen!! We also had a great time Monday and Thursday celebrating the colors Gray and White. We took a picture of all of us wearing gray and white, we played Hide 'n' Seek with gray and white rectangles and we all had fun on our special color day!! Woohoo!!

Our theme remained the same, but some of our centers changed this week. Our Science Center now has a Missing Mitten Mystery. Find and circle the missing mittens!! Our Math Center has hot cocoa cups with a number on them. The children get to put that number of real marshmallows in the cup of hot cocoa. Just don't eat the marshmallows!!! Our Listening Center has a cute story with a CD, The Magical Snowman. A great story about friendship!!

Next week, I will start the January evaluations of our four year old classes. Please sign up as a parent volunteer if you'd like to help out in our classroom while I am conducting these evaluations. The aides and I could use an extra set of hands!! Thank you!!

Have your child bring an empty cereal box to school this month. We will be using it for a February Valentine's Day craft.

No school for the 3-year old afternoon class this Friday. I will be doing some curriculum building during this classroom time.

Next week, our classes will be focusing on the letter "Oo". Four year old classes, please bring a show 'n' tell item from home that begins with "Oo".

Our Bible memory verse next week is Colossians 3:20 "Children, obey your parents."

Have an amazing weekend with your family!! Can't wait to see you next week for more fun!!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

New Year's Resolutions- Last week in chapel Mr. Metzger spoke to the kids about New Year's resolutions. As a class we talked about some things we would like to change and work on. We set a goal that EVERY student is going to turn in their January book it calendar at the end of the month. Please make sure you are reading with your child at least 20 minutes a day and recording it on the sheet.

Another goal we talked about is being in God's Word every day. We discussed that Monday through Friday they are hearing God's Word at school but what about the weekends? If you need a devotion book please speak with me, I would be happy to get you one!

Morning Jobs- Students are expected to do their morning jobs on their own. Please do not remind them what they should be doing, they know what they need to do but they know you will tell them. J On the way to school you can ask your child what their morning jobs are.

1. Hang up coats and backpacks
2. Put snack in white bucket
3. Fill up water bottle and put it on their desk
4. Use the bathroom
5. Greet your teacher

Handwriting books- Our handwriting books don't allow for me to rip out the pages and send them home but if you are curious how your child is doing you are more than welcome to look through your child's book and see their grade.

Recess- Please send your child to school with boots, coats and gloves every day so they are properly prepared for recess. If there is snow on the ground they will need snow pants.

Beginning of the week- Students need their yellow folders and their water bottles at the beginning of the week.

1st Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hello, First Grade Families!

In Christ Light (Bible history) we have been learning about some of Jesus' famous parables, such as the Good Samaritan.

In Reading we are adding another fun activity: reading and singing fun songs and making a class book of the song. This week's song is "Down by the Bay."

In Math we are learning about tens and ones, number orders, and filling in the 1-100 chart. We also practice our addition or subtraction facts a little each day.

Memory work for next week is Luke 11:28 Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it.

Please save the date for our class's singing in church at 10:15 on Sunday, January 28.

We also have Moms and Muffins on January 25 and the Parent Appreciation Dinner on February 2.

God bless you and your family. Have a nice weekend!

2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Christlight/ Memory Work

- 1/16 - 2 Timothy 3:16
- 1/18 - Ephesians 2:8,9
- Please read the Bible stories from this week (The Big Dinner; The Pharisee and the Tax Collector).

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day. Add the minutes to your child's January book-it calendar.
- Continue to work through the xtra math program. We do take time in the classroom to do work through this program Monday-Thursday. However your children could be using the extra practice at home too.
- Spelling: next week's vowel team is oy and oi. We use oi at the beginning or middle of base words and syllables (Ex: oil, avoid). We use oy at the end of base words and syllables (Ex: enjoy, boy).

Extra Notes

- Valentine's Day and the 100th day of school are coming up soon. Stay tuned for a separate note about both of those days in the next week or so. I know it may seem early but I like to give you plenty of time to get the items needed for those days.
- The second round of MAP testing took place this week. Please speak to me if you would like to see your child's results.
- In Math, the kids have been learning about spheres, cylinders, pyramids, cubes, rectangular prisms, and cones. You can ask your child to see if they can identify everyday objects as those 3D shapes.
- K-2 will be singing in church on January 28. Our class has started working on the song "Day by Day". Please plan to attend church on that day.

3rd Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

Memory Work a week ahead

- 1/16 - Luke 18:13b
- 1/18 - A Portion of the Conclusion to the Ten Commandments
- 1/19 - The Conclusion to the Ten Commandments
- It is really important that your child is looking at the memory work packet at home so they know their verse/verses and the day they are due.
- Please read the Bible stories from this week with your child (Mary & Martha & The Parable of the Great Banquet)

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day, and record it on the January calendar.
- Work on spelling words. They are in your child's Friday folder.
- This week we are working on irregular plural words.
- It is important that your child is taking their accordion folder home everyday because it has their spelling list.

If your child is taking home something other than those things, then they didn't use their time wisely in class. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Extra Notes

- Water bottles need to be brought to school and filled up everyday.
- As the weather starts getting colder, please send a coat with your child along with gloves and a hat.
- Please make sure your child has all their belongings before they leave school, lately things have been left.
- We will plan to go outside everyday for P.E., please have your child dress appropriately.
- Don't forget to have your child record minutes on their Bookit calendar, as it is part of your child's nightly homework.

Enjoy the long weekend!

4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

Word of God - This week we looked at the lesson learned from Mary and Martha's visit with Jesus and the parable of the great banquet. The one thing needed in life is God's Word, and we should want to hear and learn it everyday to learn God's message of salvation for everyone.

Math - Chapter 6 is all about measurement, so get your rulers, measuring cups, and such ready.

Reading - We have begun our next great adventure, Snow Treasure! Our essential question for the novel is, What does it mean to "grow up"? How does this affect the children in Snow Treasure? The characterization of the protagonists will help us, along with the themes of courage, determination, and patriotism.

Science - How are cycles on Earth affected by the Sun and Moon? This is our big question we want to answer as we begin learning about the Solar System and beyond.

EXTRA NOTES:

Lunchtime Supplies - We could use some paper plates, if you think of grabbing some the next time you are at the store. Thank you!

Snowy Weather & Recess - Please remember to send gloves/mittens, boots, and snow pants to school with your child if they want to play in the snow during recess.

5th-6th Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

Hello parents/guardians! We've hit the ground running in 2024 in our classroom, with lots of things going on leading up to the end of our 2nd quarter.

In religion classes, we have switched from studying the Apostles' Creed to studying the Lord's Prayer. With that switch came a different workbook, which means the 6th graders will not be using their Course 1 book anymore (I saved the 5th grade books for next year.) I asked the 6th graders to take their books home, which you could use as a study guide for personal devotions or development over the summer if you'd like. The lessons we did not get to include teachings from the Bible on baptism, communion, and forgiveness.

In math, both classes will have one more test before the end of the quarter. Please remember that if you see a letter grade on Jupiter that you'd like your child to improve, they can fix their mistakes and turn it back in for a better grade. In science, we continue studying the earth's systems, specifically focusing on the layers of the earth. In social studies, we just wrapped up a brief overview on the regions and geography of the United States. Finally, in English, the students are getting ready to start drafting their personal narrative.

I hope to send out an email this weekend about letting the students volunteer to help in preschool again. It went very well last time, and Mrs. D has been asking when the kids can come back :)

Memory work for next week will be a little different. Since there is only one Bible passage assigned, I am asking that students learn the 3rd Article of the Apostles' Creed in one week instead of two. Please be aware of the change so they are ready for recitation on Thursday.

Finally, I've made a change to the way I share information about math on Jupiter. During December, I didn't do a good job making the weekly reports on how often students completed their homework. I want to do a better job of that, so I'm going to report daily on whether they got a 1-2-3-4 on their question of the day. 3's and 4's are passing grades. A 2 means they partially understand but not completely. A 1 means they showed no understanding, and a 0 means they did not show me any work that day. These number grades will not affect their overall grade for the class, but just serve as communication to you about whether they are doing their homework and how well they are understanding it.

7th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

MAP testing part deux is in the books. Thank you for having your children at school so that they didn't need to make up these tests. I will send these results home with your children when they receive their reports cards, which is in just a little over a week. If you want to talk about the results, then please don't hesitate to stop by, and I will give you the overview of the results.

Here is the memory work for next week:

Monday 1/15: The Institution of Baptism: First; Wednesday 1/17: The Blessings of Baptism: Second; Thursday 1/18: Hymn 713 vs. 1-3(Blue Hymnal) Friday 1/19: Matthew 28:19,20, John 15:5, Acts 4:20

Sovereign nations, treaties, doctrine of discovery, Stevens treaties, and where in the world is Brazil are all topics that we covered in history class. Oh, I almost forgot, we also discussed how a McChicken never looks in person how it does on TV. Also, what really are the three branches of the government?

The 7-8th graders probably had a little bit of PTSD this week as I made them eat a raw potato, onion, and an apple. When will the madness stop?.....Never! We have been digging into our senses. This week was identifying if smell has anything to do with taste. We also took a look at our sense of touch as we learned more about the Braille language, including how to make the alphabet in the Braille language.

A reminder that we have a half day tomorrow, due to the continued curriculum work that the teachers are working on. I pray you have an amazing slightly extended weekend. Try and stay warm as it looks like our fun little Spring Winter is over.

New Life

Martin Pistorius was a happy twelve-year-old boy living with his family in their home country of South Africa. One day, he came down with a mysterious illness. The illness placed Martin in a deep coma, completely unresponsive to everything around him. He remained in this state for so long that, eventually, the medical team told Martin's family that they should take him home, as his death would now be just a matter of time.

But Martin did not die. His body kept going. Each morning, his father fed him, got him dressed, and took him to the care center for the day. In the evening, he brought him home, fed him, bathed him, and got him ready for bed. This went on for twelve years.

What no one knew was that Martin was aware of everything going on around him. He could see, hear, feel, smell, and taste. His body was incapable of showing any response in any way. However, he knew precisely what was going on.

It's the stuff of nightmares: To live as a prisoner in plain sight, completely isolated from others for any

affection, any attention, any meaningful relationship. It's also a jarring illustration of what sin does—your sin and mine.

Because of sin, you and I, by nature, languished in prisons of our own making. These prisons isolated us from each other and from God.

But then came Jesus. Through his perfect life in our place and his suffering and death on our behalf, he threw open the prison doors. He cleansed us. He clothed us in his holiness. In Holy Baptism he claimed us as his own. And now, through his gospel, new life

is ours. We are forgiven. We are his. And we are free.

Twelve years later, Martin's imprisonment came to an end. His body woke up, and he's happily married, living his new life. In Christ, our imprisonment is over too. And our new life lasts forever.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank you for rescuing me from my prison. Thank you for my new life. Amen.

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We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Romans 6:4