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School News

Mission Offering

Last week our offering total was \$42.70, which brings our total to \$162.36 for second quarter. Thank you all for your generosity! We will update you shortly as to where our third quarter chapel offerings will be given!

Re-Enrollment— FAST APPROACHING

We will begin re-enrollment for current students on February 1st. Instructions will be sent to your email on the 1st. Enrollment fees will be discounted to \$100 for PreK and \$150 for K-8 until February 15th. The earlier you enroll, the sooner we can begin planning for the upcoming year. Please communicate with your child's teacher or Mr. Biebert if you need help with re-enrollment or have any questions about the upcoming school year! After the 15th, enrollment opens to the community, so if you have any friends/family that are interested in St. Matt's, have them reach out to Mr. Biebert (715)402-0094.

Grades K-2 Sing

Please join us at 10AM this Sunday as our Kindergarten-2nd grade classes sing "Day by Day." Sunday school is also at 9AM that day! See you there!

Basketball

Both teams had their first game on Tuesday! No practice today due to moms and muffins. Please continue to check the google calendar. Make sure to reach out to Miss Rosenbaum if your child needs a ride. Thank you!

Hot Lunch February 2nd

Please return the hot lunch sheet to your child's teacher by Wednesday, January 31st to sign your child up for the last DC hot lunch before they head to Washington DC in March! \$5/meal.

Call Updates

Both Miss Taasaas and Mr. Biebert continue their deliberations. Please keep both of them in your prayers. Thank you!

Junior Choir

Rehearsal on Monday, January 29 from 3:45-4:30.

Moms and Muffins

Moms & Muffins is TODAY from 4-5PM. We look forward to seeing you there!

Night with the Chiefs!

Please use [this link](#) or the QR code to reserve your tickets! DEADLINE to order tickets for our group is TODAY!



Family Appreciation Dinner

Deadline to [RSVP](#) for the Appreciation Dinner is next Tuesday, January 30th. We hope to have many of you there—after all, the dinner is to show our appreciation for you wonderful families :)

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



High School Interest

We are forming an interest group for those families that want to look into the possibility of starting a high school at

Upcoming Dates

January

- 25 Moms & Muffins
- 26 High School Interest Meeting 3:45PM
- 27 Night with the Chiefs 6:05PM
- 28 Grades K-2 Sing 10AM
- 30 A Team @ Lake City 4:30PM
- 30 B Team @ Faith Christian 4:30PM

February

- 1 RE-ENROLLMENT BEGINS
- 1 High School Interest Meeting 6PM
- 2 DC Hot Lunch — Nachos
- 2 Appreciation Dinner 5:30PM
- 6 B Team @ PCA 3:45PM
- 6 A Team @ PCA 4:30PM

St. Matthew. This is focused toward families with kids currently in 5-7th grade, but anyone interested in finding out more or being involved in the group can attend one of the informational meetings in the next few weeks. We have two options to accommodate different schedules: TOMORROW, Jan 26th at 3:45 and Thursday, Feb 1st at 6pm. Talk to Tiffany Gaulke or Fiona Metzger with questions.

Save the Date!

The junior choir has been asked to return to the Avista Stadium to sing the National Anthem for a Spokane Indians game! We are scheduled to sing on Thursday, May 16! Each child will need to be there by 5:45 pm and the game begins at 6:35 pm. I will have more information and details as we get closer to the date. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Most. (832)212-9102



Go Chiefs Go!!!

See you on Saturday for the game!

Classroom News

Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

This week, in Preschool, we are learning about teeth and how to take care of them. This is a really hands-on theme and special because the four year old classes have a field trip to visit a dentist this week!! We get to walk to Dr. Bradley's office today and we are able to sit in a big chair, squirt water into a cup and watch "Mr. Thirsty" drink up the water. We even go for a chair ride!! Mary reads us a story about teeth and we have a chance to meet Dudley, the dragon!! He is a naughty dragon that actually squirts water on some of us!! We get to have such an amazing field trip and we get to learn SO much about taking care of our teeth!! FUN DAY!!! Thank You, Dr. Bradley!!

On Monday, the 29th, Mary and a friend get to come and visit US in our three year old classrooms!! These classes, also, get to learn SO much about taking care of our teeth!! I bet this is going to be an amazing in-house field trip that you won't want to miss!! Thank you, again, Dr. Bradley for this beautiful in-house field trip!! You are so wonderful!!

We have fun new centers in our preschool!! We have bingo dotting pages in our Art Center, sorting uppercase and lowercase letters in our Reading Center, lacing laminated teeth in our Math Center and sorting good foods and bad foods for our teeth in our Science Center!!

Our classes are having a great time with some crafts this week, also. We had fun brushing a yellow tooth with "toothpaste" (white paint) to make it white. We learned how to brush our teeth with small circles and learned that "A Clean Tooth Is a Happy Tooth". We actually brushed our yellow tooth with a toothbrush!! WHAT??? Who paints with a toothbrush? We do!!

We also learned about good foods for our teeth and bad foods for our teeth. We can certainly eat the bad foods, but we must remember to brush our teeth afterwards to prevent "sugar bugs".

What a great week of learning about how to care for our teeth!!

Please remember to bring in an empty cereal box for our Valentine's Day craft. If you have an EXTRA empty cereal box, we would gladly share it with a friend!! Thank you SO much!!

Next week, we will have our Pajama Day on Thursday, Feb. 1 and Friday, Feb. 2. Please have your child wear Pajamas to school, bring a Pillow and a stuffie. We will be having Pancakes for a snack and we might even have a Parade. We are celebrating "Pp"!! Please look for a note coming home this week for this fun day!!

Four-year old parents, please also sign up for a 10-minute parent/ teacher meeting to review your child's recent evaluation. The sign-up sheet is on my red cabinet when you enter our classroom.

Our letter that we will focus on next week is letter "P". Four year old classes, please bring a show 'n' tell item from home that begins with "P".

The bible verse we will learn in school next week is I Peter 5:7 "God cares for you."

Have an amazing weekend with your family. Praying that all of you stay healthy so we can see you next week for loads of fun!!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

Singing- We sing this Sunday. I'm excited for you to hear their beautiful voices!

Report card envelopes- Please make sure to sign and return the envelope by tomorrow.

Handwriting Contest- The students participated in a handwriting contest. One student was picked to go on to the national level. We will find out if anyone from our school wins later next month I believe.

Reading- Please keep reading with your child and filling out their Book it calendar. Please remember this is part of your child's homework. I am sending home a list of -an words and some short a words in your child's yellow folder have your child read at least 6 pages a night.

100th Day- (PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE)The 100th day of school is on **Tuesday, February 6**. Please help your child decorate a shirt with 100 items on it. They will wear this shirt to school on the 100th day.

Valentine's Day- We will be exchanging Valentine's at our class party on Wednesday, February 14. Please help your child decorate a Valentine box. There are so many fun ideas on Pinterest so start looking and planning. This is always my favorite activity!!! Please bring the decorated box to school on February 14, no earlier. The box needs to have an opening for the Valentines.

For our party I need a few people to donate prizes and candy for some of our games. If you are at Hobby Lobby, The Dollar Tree, Walgreens etc. and see any Valentine themed prizes you would like to donate please bring them to school by February 2. I also need 15 heart shaped helium filled balloons. Please let me know if you would like to donate.

Class List: Ava, Allie, Ellany, Hannah, Josey, Bennett, Brandon, Grayson, Jamison, Joseph, Nate, Norman, Paul, Thomas, Wesley

1st Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hello, First Grade Families!

In Christ Light (Bible history class) we've been learning about some of Jesus' parables. In Math we are finishing up our chapter of place value and heading into a chapter on more addition. In Reading we are learning about some triple clusters of consonants at the beginnings of words, such as in **s**pring or **s**cratch or **s**plit. In Writing we are learning about adjectives. In Science we are learning about how living things resemble their parents. In Social Studies we are discussing ways to solve different problems.

In a couple of weeks, on Thursday, February 2nd, a school mom who is a hygienist, will give us a presentation about how to properly brush and care for our teeth.

Please remember our class is singing in church this Sunday, January 28th, at St. Matthew at 10:00 a.m Thank you!

Our Memory Work for next week is Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

Have a great weekend!

2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Christlight/ Memory Work

- 1/30 - Psalm 118:1
- 2/1 - John 11:25-26
- Please read the Bible stories from this week (The Rich Young Man; Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead).

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.
- Spelling: next week's vowel team is ow and oa. We usually use oa at the beginning or middle of base words (Ex: oath, coat). We usually use ow at the end of base words (Ex: throw, snowing).

Extra Notes

- WRONG DATE: The note sent home last week Friday stated that the 100th day is Feb. 7, but it is actually February 6!
- In the basement of the church, there is a bulletin board that a class gets to decorate every month to show what they have been doing in school. Our class is decorating that bulletin board for the month of February. Stay tuned to see that decorated!
- Report cards come out on Monday. Everything inside is for you to keep. Please sign and return the envelope after you have looked through your child's report card. Don't hesitate to ask any questions.
- K-2 will be singing in church on January 28 at 10 AM. Our class is singing the song "Day by Day". Please plan to attend church on that day.
- January book calendars are due next week February 1. February calendars will be sent home next week as well. Our class has read a total of 28,434 minutes for the first 3 months of book-it.

3rd Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

Memory Work a week ahead

- 1/29 - Psalm 50:15 & John 11:25
- 2/1 - Proverbs 3:5
- 2/2 - The 8th Commandment
- It is really important your child is practicing memory work at home, so they can recite it on the due date.
- Please read the Bible stories from this week with your child (The Parable of the Rich Man and Poor Lazarus & The Rich Young Ruler)

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 homophones
- 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

- We will be doing a valentines exchange on February 14th. Please decorate a shoebox or a cereal box for your valentines. We have 20 kids in the class, so please make a valentine for everyone.
- Water bottles need to be brought to school and filled up everyday.
- As we are getting some snow, make sure your child has the proper snow gear and their own snow bag.
- If your child is bringing their sled to school, please bring it home the same day. I cannot guarantee it will still be there if your child forgot it.
- Please make sure your child has all their belongings before they leave school, lately things have been left. Snowbags need to go home every day, so wet clothes don't sit in the classroom overnight.
- 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.

- Report cards were handed out Monday, please speak with me if you have any questions. Report card envelopes need to be signed and returned by Friday.

Enjoy your weekend!

4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

Word of God - This week through our lessons we learn how Jesus teaches us about the dangers of possessions. The Parable of the Rich Man and Poor Lazarus and the Rich Young Ruler teach us the dangers of loving our possessions more than loving God. We can show our love for God by using the earthly treasures he has given us to serve him.

Reading - We have begun our next great adventure, Snow Treasure! What does sledding and building snowmen have to do with saving Norway's gold? Ask your child to find out!

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. We made star finders this week. See if you can spot the winter constellations in the night sky!

Social Studies- Thank you Mr. Marshall Casey for coming in a speaking with us about how bills become laws, how laws help us, and what our state and national representatives do.

Music - I am certain by now you have been hearing your child practicing their recorder. I pray it has been working out okay. We are working on learning to play the recorder so that we can join with others in Spokane and around the USA for a special concert of sorts on **May 22 @ 10:30 am** with the Spokane Symphony and Carnegie Hall. I am still working on the details and learning the specifics and as I have more information I will pass it along to you.

EXTRA NOTES:

Report cards were sent home on Monday, January 23. Please return the envelope as soon as possible so it doesn't get lost at home.

Moms and Muffins is tonight! Can't wait to see you all there!

Valentine's day lists were sent home yesterday, along with a pizza box for your child to decorate as a mailbox for their classroom valentines during our party! Did someone say party? Please stop by to see if there is anything you can donate to bring for our Valentine's day party. Thank you!

Field trips - I am working on planning a couple of field trips in February and March. I am hoping to make it to the Northwest Museum of Arts and Science and to the planetarium either at Spokane Falls Community College or down at WSU in Pullman.

5th-6th Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

We made it to the second half of the school year! I was able to directly hand report cards and MAP test results to everyone on Monday. You don't need to return the papers inside the envelope, but if you could please return the envelope with a signature sometime soon, I'd appreciate it.

If you have any questions about report cards or MAP reports, feel free to email your questions or contact me to set up a meeting.

In the classroom, we are continuing our studies of the parables Jesus taught in Christ Light. In math classes, the 6th graders took a test on adding and subtracting fractions, and will be joining the 5th grade in the next chapter by learning about multiplying and dividing fractions. In science, we spent some time learning about and diagramming the atmosphere around Earth. In social studies, we will be wrapping up our study of the early American colonies next week, to be followed by a test on that chapter. Finally in English, we have started a grammar study on verbs.

I really will be sending that email about volunteering in the preschool soon :)

7th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

A fast and busy month is rapidly coming to a close. We just started basketball games, Moms and muffins was this week, there is a church and school Chiefs game, as well as an appreciation dinner that is coming up at the beginning of next month. It seem like Christmas break was just yesterday, and if January hasn't seemed crazy to you, then the weather alone has probably been throwing you for a loop. It has felt like we have jumped between spring and winter numerous times over. Next week, we are back to Spring!

Here is the memory work for next week:

Monday 1/29: Psalm 50:15, Matthew 7:7; Thursday 2/1: What Wondrous Love-Hymn we sing for church on February 25th; Friday 2/2: John 11:25b, 26a, John 14:14

This week we have been digging into a very informative video on everything that we have been learning about with Westward expansion, early contact, trade, treaties, etc., but this video has Native Americans speaking on their perspective of things. It really makes you stop and think how history books truly do tend to show you one side of things. Think about different historical events, but think about how they might be written if you were getting the other perspective of things. How would the American Revolution sound from the British perspective? What would the Civil War look like from a random citizen's perspective vs. a Union or Confederate soldier? Perspective is really everything, yet it is very easy to only see things from one side. I hope that this video has not only been historically informative, but also a great lesson on how important gathering all the facts is before making a decision.

We wrapped up our study of our senses by studying the ear and how we go from noise vibrations to hearing our favorite music,

or the voice of our friends. We also began to learn about what our endocrine system is and how it helps our bodies function.

Please check in with your child and me, because there are still quite a few students who have work that is still outstanding from 2nd quarter. Please make sure that if your child does have missing work, that they are continuing to work at getting it caught up at home. There is only so much time at school, and I also only have so much time to work 1 on 1 with those who need it. Let's shoot for the beginning of February for having everything caught up, and please let me know if you have any questions.

God Bless Your Weekend!

The Right Tool for the Job

Sometimes the right tool for the job is the last thing you would expect. For example, if you accidentally immerse your smartphone in water, you can salvage it by putting it into a bag of uncooked rice. That doesn't seem like it should work, but in an emergency, the moisture-absorbing properties of the rice can save an expensive piece of technology.

What if you need to save a city full of thousands of people from the wrath of God? What's the right tool for that job? Nineveh was one of the greatest cities of the ancient world. It was the capital of the Assyrian Empire and was renowned for its brutality and cruelty. It was filled with people who worshiped false gods. In short, the inhabitants of Nineveh were headed for hell.

So God sent Jonah to turn the Ninevites from their sin. That doesn't seem like it should work. What could one man armed with the Word of God accomplish in a city with thousands of people? Turns out, quite a bit.

Jonah preached, and the people repented. They showed their sorrow over sin by not eating and wearing uncomfortable clothing. Of course, what made the difference was not Jonah but the Word of God that Jonah spoke.

God's Word does what it says. In the beginning, God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. Through his prophet, God said, "Repent," and stony hearts were turned in repentance. The Word says "Believe," and dead, unbelieving hearts come to life, trusting in the good news

about Jesus.

Thank God that what at first seems inadequate is, in fact, the right tool for the job. Praise God for the power of his Word!

Prayer:

Lord God, give me confidence in the power of your Word. Amen.

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Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

Jonah 3:3-5