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School News

Mission Offering

Last week's offerings were \$37.11, which means our total is now at \$262.08. Our goal is \$300 by the end of first quarter, which is on October 30!

Dads & Donuts

Dads and Donuts was an absolute blast and we had gorgeous weather! Thanks to all who helped or participated in this event! See the inside scoop on page four!

Apparel Orders

I will be picking up apparel orders tomorrow and will have them ready by the end of school! Be sure to pick up orders so you have them in time for Spirit Day on Tuesday!

Diaper Drive

Today is the last day for the Emerson diaper drive! Please leave all items in the office! Little Dawson was born on Monday, and he is doing very well!



Baby Dawson!

Book It!

Your child should have received their BookIt! Calendars to record their reading times at home throughout the month. At the end of October, turn in your calendar to receive a free pizza coupon from Pizza Hut!

Spirit Week

Next week is Spirit Week! Dress up each day to have some fun and show off your school spirit! See the attached flyer for details about each day!

Camping Weekend

Check out the next page to see what Mr. Biebert has to say about our St. Matthew camping outing! Haha! Camping dates are Thursday, October 22-Sunday, October 25. We will be staying at Beaver Lodge Resort and Campground! They have RV and tent sites, as well as cabins available for rent! Please call Beaver Lodge at (509)684-5657 to reserve your spot! Make sure to let them know you are with St. Matthew. You can view the flyer with pricing and more info [here](#), and RSVP with us [here](#).

Scholastic Book Orders

Please return any Scholastic book orders to your child's teacher by next Tuesday, October 13. Cash or check accepted (checks made out to Scholastic). Orders can also be placed online—and are cheaper that way!

Baby Pictures!

This baby may be tougher to figure out because no one has guessed

10/09 Cleaning

Upstairs: Ferre

Downstairs: Gaulke

Upcoming Dates

October

- 8 **LAST DAY OF DIAPER DRIVE!**
- 8 Soccer Practice 3:45-4:45PM
- 12-16 **SPIRIT WEEK!**
- 13 Scholastic Orders Due
- 13 Soccer Practice 3:45-4:45PM
- 15 Soccer Practice 3:45-4:45PM
- 20 Soccer Practice 3:45-4:45PM
- 21-23 **NO SCHOOL—FALL CONF.**
- 22-25 St. Matthew Camping Outing
- 27 Soccer Practice 3:45-4:45PM
- 29 Soccer Practice 3:45-4:45PM
- 30 BookIt! Calendars Due

correctly yet! I will give a hint—she is a NEW student this year!

Student Interviews

We are on to the 6th graders now! Leah West is our interviewee this week!

Box Tops Reminder

We are collecting box tops for St. Matthew! All box tops need to be turned in by October 23! Thank you!

Covid Reminder

Please remember to take extra precautions if you think you may have been exposed to Covid. If you or someone in your family is being tested, please keep the entire family home until results are in. Thank you for your cooperation!

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OCTOBER 12-16 SPIRIT WEEK!!!

- Monday: Pajama Day
- Tuesday: Spirit Day
- Wednesday: Western Day
- Thursday: Fandom Day
- Friday: Class Color Day

School News Continued

Don't forget to bring your fishing pole! I know where to find all the big fish!



Classroom News

Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

Another fantastic week in preschool!! What was the highlight of our week? Our field trip to Hidden Acres on Wednesday and Friday! We had amazing weather and outstanding parent participation. We even had some siblings, cousins and grandparents come along with us, too! We went on a hayride, learned about the importance of bees, picked and ate an apple, ran through the tire maze, picked our very own pumpkin, talked with and sang to Miss Penelope Pumpkin and had some pumpkin donuts and apple cider for a snack. The parents and children would all agree this was one spectacular field trip!! One parent even commented that "this felt normal"! How amazing is that??

This week, in addition to our Fall Theme, we learned about Noah and his big boat. The children learned about the flood, but more importantly, about God's promise with a rainbow. "The rain will always stop." And God always keeps His promises!!

I would like to start evaluating the children in our four year old preschool classes to see where they are right now with their letter and number recognition, along with recognizing their shapes and colors. In order for me to do that, I am requesting parent help in the classroom for a few days. There is a signup sheet in the classroom for specific times and dates that I would like to evaluate these children. If you are able to help, please check it out.

If you are still in need of a background check, I have a signup sheet for that, also. Please talk with me if you have any questions.

Next week will be "E Week". Four year old classes, please bring an item from home that starts with "E" for show 'n' tell.

Our bible verse next week is "I am with you always." Matthew 28:20

Have a blessed weekend with your family. Stay safe and healthy!

K-1st Grade News

Miss Rachel Taasaas(360.271.5201)

Homework

Kindergarten

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day. Fill in your time on your Book it! calendar.
- Practice Memory Work for October 15.
- We are working on reading and spelling color word. You can always help your child practice at home for additional support.

First grade

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day. Fill in your time on your Book it! calendar.
- Practice Memory Work for October 15.
- Lightning Words are due on Friday, October 9.
- Reading books will go home tomorrow. Please have your child read their stories to you once or twice over the weekend. Sign their bookmark and make sure they return it on Monday, October 12 for full credit.
- In Math we have been working on Doubles facts. I will send fact cards home next week sometime for you to help your child practice.

Memory Work for October 15:

Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 28:20b

Book Orders

Book orders will be in your child's yellow folder tomorrow. You can order online or use the catalog provided. Please make the check out to "Scholastic" do not make it out to St. Matthew. Book orders need to be returned to school by Tuesday, October 13. I will submit the order on Wednesday after school.

2nd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

It has been such a great week in the 2nd - 4th grades classroom. I hope your week has been as good! We are really learning our routines for how things flow and work in the classroom and it is something that helps us all to do our best!

Word of God - This week we have been learning about Isaac and Jacob. The theme is "Lack of trust in God leads to trickery and trouble. God still forgives us" We have been adding many pieces to our Word of God notebook. I hope to be able to send it home soon for your child to share with you. Our hymn for the week, #203 - "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word." teaches us that we are praying for God to keep us strong in His Word. Some of the children really like the minor key in which the hymn is written.

Memory Work - Please see the calendar sent home last week. Fridays are always the big day for memory work, as those are the days a part of the small catechism is to be said.

Math - I am seeing some great progress on the learning of math facts. Congratulations to Liam for passing his addition facts this week!! Please continue to work on math facts of addition and subtraction at home either with flashcards or Xtramath. I'm sending home a progress report on your child's math fact progress today.

Social Studies - We are wrapping up learning about the 3 types of communities with describing the community each of us lives in.

Science - We are focusing on two main essential questions: What is Earth's surface made of? and Why are landforms not the same everywhere? This week we are focusing on the layers of the earth, crystals, and filling out information in our lapbooks including vocabulary cards.

Reading/Phonics - Third and fourth grade have been working on visualizing what they are reading about in their books. I love seeing their creativeness with their drawings. The 3rd graders really enjoyed their book, Stone Fox, and were surprised the book ended as it did.

English/Writing - This week we are working on the writing process with our descriptive paragraphs about, "My Fish," which can be a real or imaginary fish.

Spelling - This week we have been working on learning more of the "How to's" for the Words Their Way spelling. The program uses sorting words according to patterns to help memorize the words and spelling rules. We will be having our first spelling test this Friday.

EXTRA NOTES

Book orders are being sent home today. Please have them back by Tuesday, October 13th so we can hopefully get them back before the Fall break.

Book-it began last week. Remember that daily reading is part of your child's homework and those minutes count towards the minutes for Book-it. Please have your child work on reading aloud to you to gain fluency, but also read to your child, as they need to hear what a fluent reading sounds like.

Have a blessed week in the Lord!

5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Welcome to the almost end of another week! It has been a pretty normal week of learning this week that involved some tests, using soda acid to power clocks, math problems, and....lots and lots of fun!!

Here is next week's memory work:

Monday (10/12): John 6:35, John 3:16, Romans 10:17; Tuesday (10/13): 2nd Article up to "living and the dead"; Thursday (10/15): It Is Well With My Soul; Friday (10/16): John 8:31-32, John 10:10b-11

The 7-8th grade history class took a test on chapter 1 in their world studies history book. We also began chapter 2 which begins the Renaissance time period.

The 5-6th grade history class also took a test today. It will be interesting to see how the students do on this test compared to their first one. Sometimes knowing what to expect can be a very comforting thing. We will begin chapter two next week digging into how historians can learn about the past.

We have been using our snap circuits for a couple of weeks now to see how alternative forms of energy produce electricity. We also watched a video to see how other countries in the world are using alternative forms of energy on a larger scale. We compared this to how the United States relies heavily on fossil fuels. We discussed if this is smart or if the U.S. should also start finding alternative forms of energy.

I passed out a new book order today. This order should be returned or placed by the following Tuesday. The last order is still coming. I will apologize for the delay. I never have done the book orders in the past. This is my first year, and therefore I didn't put in the order correctly last time. Typical, right? Anyway, the last order is still coming and I should know how to place any future orders correctly now.

It was great to see so many of you at Dad's and Donuts last Friday. Hopefully, I will get to see many of you for the upcoming camping trip starting on October 22nd. Please don't forget to sign up and let us know if your family is coming. I promise a boat ride to any families that come and would like one.

Hopefully all of you will be watching the Chicago Bears dominate the Buccaneers tonight. I also pray all of you have an extraordinary weekend!

GUESS THAT BABY!



TAKE A GUESS
AT THE NEXT
BABY BELOW!



Take a guess as to which student this is!
First person to correctly guess will win a prize!

Must tell Mrs. Biebert in the office to be eligible for prize

Students cannot guess themselves

STUDENT INTERVIEW

Name / Grade: Leah West / Grade 6

Favorite food?

Mac n' Cheese

Favorite hobbies?

Running, Writing, and Reading

If you could go anywhere, where would you go? Why?

I would go to Hong Kong because I want to see my friends there.

What job will you have as an adult?

I want to start a dog rescue shelter.

What do you love most about school?

I love St. Matthew because everyone is so nice.

Who do you admire? Why?

I admire my sister Laura because she is fun to be around and helps me with everything.

What is your favorite bible passage?

Romans 6:23—"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."



Weekly Message

An Everlasting Warranty

It would be nice to know that once something is fixed, it's fixed forever. But it doesn't usually work that way. Things break. We fix them. Then they break again. Eventually, we buy a new one. Even when companies provide a lifetime warranty on their products, there's normally a catch. The fine print neatly hides the limits involved.

Do God's promises come with fine print, with strings attached? Sadly, many people believe that because there are many who teach that. Their shtick normally goes a little bit like this: "God is a loving God who wants to forgive you. All you have to do is ... (fill in the blank)." In other words, they suggest that God's forgiveness involves some fine print. There are strings attached.

But that's simply not true. God doesn't base his forgiveness on what we do or don't do. His forgiveness is not remotely tied to us being a certain way or achieving a certain standard. If that were true, how could we ever know whether God really forgives us, whether we've cleared the

bar?

The Bible assures us that, in Jesus, God has forgiven the sins of the world. John the Baptist once pointed to Christ and said, "Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29), and the apostle John of him, "He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world" (1 John 2:2). That means you. In Christ Jesus, God forgives you of every sin. Believe it. It's true.

And that's why, through his prophet Isaiah, the Lord urges us to forsake our evil ways and turn to him. Not

because he will then forgive us. He already has! He wants us to know with certainty that "he will have mercy on (us) . . . for he will freely pardon." That's no limited, lifetime guarantee. That's an everlasting warranty, purchased "with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect" (1 Peter 1:19). God's forgiveness is waiting for you!

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, give me confidence that, though I am sinful, you freely forgive me for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Isaiah 55:7