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## School News

### Playground — Help Update

Today and tomorrow after school, we are going to be marking holes, and Saturday is the big day with installation beginning! If you are able to help with that, please reach out to Lance Barton (253)486-3305 or Jacob Biebert (715)402-0094.

### No School—Next Wed-Fri

We are heading to the annual Pastor/Teacher Conference next Wednesday-Friday, October 18-20. Enjoy your wonderful extended vacation!

### 4-8 Soccer

The league tournament is coming up. Stay tuned for details as they haven't been given to Miss Rosenbaum yet. Communicate with your child's teacher about younger siblings. Make sure to be checking the schedule online. Contact Miss Rosenbaum if your child needs a ride to the practices or games 24 hours in advance. Thanks!

### K-3 Soccer

Thank you for giving your child the opportunity to practice some soccer skills this fall. Thank you to the coaches for stepping up to help run the program. Hope all the kids had a great time!

### Picture Retakes

Picture retakes are scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup>. Retakes take place at Mr. Schollenberger's studio at 8604 N Country Homes. Parents can take your kids to have retakes during the

lunch hour.

### Baptism Opportunity

A student is planning to be baptized in one of our upcoming chapel services. While we will not pressure other kids to join her, we will let them know about the opportunity and follow up with parents of interested students. If your child has expressed interest in baptism and would like to be baptized in a chapel service, please speak to Pastor West and arrange a time to go through a short Bible study on baptism in the New Testament. We encourage adults and children of all ages to receive God's promise of forgiveness and adoption in the sacrament of baptism.

### Junior Choir

Sorry for the mixup on the schedule. I sent a corrected schedule home with your child on Monday. The schedule is correct online on the Google calendar. If there are changes or additions I will be adding them there first, so it is always up to date. That being said, there is no Junior Choir on Monday, October 16 due to the 4-8 soccer game. We will resume rehearsals on the 23rd.

### Tent or Treat—UPATE

Tent or Treat is just over 2 weeks away—here before you know it! We hope you have your costumes picked out and ready to go! Please tell your friends, family, and neighbors! A wonderful addition to this event is that Kier-

sten & JT Emerson will be hosting a booth selling snacks and seasonal goodies. Come hungry, because all proceeds from that booth will go to St. Matthew!!! THANK YOU Kiersten & JT!!!

On another note, we are ALWAYS looking for businesses or organizations that would love to join us in the celebration! If you know of any places I could reach out to, text me (Kayla) (715)402-0114. Please refrain from any religious/politically affiliated organizations. Thank you!



Next week is a short week!  
No school Wednesday-Friday

Hang in there! :)

## Classroom News

### Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

More of a "normal" week this week, but still so much fun!! No picture day, a field trip on Monday, no color days, but a new theme and new centers!!

Our new theme this week is Migration. Our centers just scream birds and flying!! We now have three different train sets in our Drama Center!! Okay, this doesn't really fit with our Migration Theme, but it sure is fun for ALL!! We have real bird nests in our Science Center that the children can examine with magnifying glasses, and laminated nests in our Math Center that the children can put the correct number of "eggs" in each nest.

We had an awesome field trip for the 3-year old classes on Monday. The weather was gorgeous and we had SO much parent participation!! Thank you, parents for all of your help and support. You are SO amazing!! What a great day we had!!

Some of the classes had fun this week creating turn-around birds. We were able to glue feathers onto their wings so they could fly. All of the classes had an amazing time water-coloring birds so they can migrate to a warmer place.

Thank you to the parents that helped out while I evaluated the four-year old children this week. You are SO wonderful!! I SO appreciate you!! I can't do what I love to do without YOU!!

Please text me any pictures that you took during our field trip last week and this week. I love to keep these precious pictures on file for our Memory Books and yearbook!!

We have a short week of school next week – only Monday and Tuesday.

All four year olds, please bring your show 'n' tell on Tuesday. We will get to everyone!! We will be reviewing letters "A-E". Bring an item that begins with any letter from A through E. The kiddos get to guess the beginning letter!!

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

Have an absolutely fantastic time with your family this next week. God's blessings to all of you!

### Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

**Book it-** Please remember to fill in your child's October Book it calendar. Make sure you set a goal at the top of the calendar.

**Scholastic Book Orders-** I will submit the order at the end of the day today.

**Field trip-** Please make sure your child is appropriately dressed for the pumpkin patch on Monday. Students and chaperones will need a cold lunch.

If you are a chaperone, you will receive information on the pumpkin patch as far as who you are driving, who is in your group and when we are leaving by the end of the week.

**Microwave-** Beginning Monday, October 23 students will be allowed to use the microwave to heat up their lunch. Please remember this is a quick heat up. **No more than a minute.** They are expected to heat up their own food so please let them know how long it needs to be microwaved. If I notice that too many students are using it on a regular basis and there is too long of a wait we will have to have a microwave schedule. I do not have plates so please plan accordingly.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hi First Grade Families!

Our field trip is next Tuesday, October 17th. A majority of the parents have signed up to chaperone! Thank you so much!

I made a schedule for Show and Tell for our classroom. These kids love to "tell something to the whole class" as they like to say. :) Your child may bring something from home for Show and Tell on their designated day. They need to keep it in their backpack except for when it's Show and Tell time. If your child would like to bring a pet, please contact me so we can arrange a good time for you to bring it.

Here's the schedule:

Monday: Lucas, Quinn, Caleb, Adaline

Tuesday: Andy, Rushil, Melody, Corin

Wednesday: Naya, Amelia, Emma, Ethan, Olivia

Thursday: Harry, Mason, Emmitt, Shreya, Tommy

Next week there is NO SCHOOL on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday due to a teacher conference. Therefore there is also no Memory Work for next week.

Tent or Treat is coming up on Friday, October 27. If you'd like to help out, please let me know. The Emerson family will be selling food there, and they are so kind and generous as to give all the proceeds to our school! So please come hungry! :) I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

#### Christlight/ Memory Work

- 10/17 - The First Commandment
- 10/24 - The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed
- 10/26 - Matthew 11:28
- Please read the Bible stories from this week (Jesus in the Synagogue at Capernaum; The Huge Catch of Fish; The Parable of the Farmer and the Seed) with your child during the weekend and sign the orange sheet in the orange folder.

#### Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day. Add the minutes to your child's book-it calendar.
- Continue to work through the extra math program.
- Spelling: due to a short week next week, there will be no spelling words. We will continue the next set of spelling words the week of October 23.

#### Extra Notes

- Our field trip will be happening on October 16. If you are chaperoning, an agenda and the people in your group will be handed out by tomorrow. Chaperones please arrive by 9:20.
- I will not be at school tomorrow as I will be coaching the soccer team at the TELSS tournament.
- We will plan to do our first life skill on October 17. We will be cutting fruits and vegetables that your child will be able to have at lunch time. The fruit and vegetable that your child cuts will be the one that they would eat at lunch.
- Your child takes a "practice test" on Tuesdays with a partner for spelling. If your child spells all the words correctly, they will not have to take the test on Thursday. I will let you know if they need to or not!

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

#### Memory Work a week ahead

- 10/17 - Romans 10:17, 2 Timothy 3:15, and the Second Petition of the Lord's Prayer
- There will be three memory verses due to a short week
- 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 (Jesus is Rejected in Nazareth & Healing in the Synagogue at Capernaum)

#### Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day, and record it on the October calendar.
- Work on spelling words. They are in your child's Friday folder. Make sure your child is keeping their list in their accordion folder and bringing it back to school so they are able to practice. This week we are focusing on words with: thr
- There will be no spelling next week due to a short week of school.
- 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 it starts getting cooler in the mornings, please send a jacket with your child to school.
- Don't forget to have your child record minutes on their Book it calendar, as it is part of your child's nightly homework.
- Make sure you have the Google calendar downloaded on your phone because that is where you will find upcoming events or information.
- Make sure Friday folders are coming back empty and you are looking through your child's assignments. Please let me know if you have questions.
- The students have been working so hard in the classroom, and we have filled our marble jar!! We will have pajama/movie day next Monday the 16th.
- We will have our first science test Monday the 16th.

Have a great weekend!

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

**Word of God** - The people in Jesus' own hometown of Nazareth rejected his message of salvation! We need to hear God's Word often and pray that the Holy Spirit will use that word to strengthen our faith, so that we do not reject Jesus as our Savior, but that is exactly what the devil would love to happen. Whereas in Capernaum, the people were amazed at Jesus' message of salvation and his power over evil spirits. Our hymn for the week is, "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light," learning that Jesus is the Light of our lives and no one can come to the Father except through him.

**Reading** - The Brooklyn Dodgers, "De Bums" just clinched the pennant for the National League and Jackie Robinson was voted Rookie of the year. Now on to the World Series! Who will win De Bums or the Yankees?

We are taking a break from our regular vocabulary lessons to learn more about analogies to help us better understand our vocabulary words in the weekly lessons.

**Science** - So many amazing minerals! It is hard to believe that Earth's rocks are made up of these! We were able to look at many minerals up close and see how they are the same and different. We also learned about Moh's hardness scale and tested a few minerals according to their hardness and other properties to discover what they were. On Friday, we will become rockhounds and uncover some specimens locked in plaster. It may get messy around here. Also, if your child has any rocks and minerals they would like to share with the class, please bring them tomorrow (Friday).

**Social Studies** - Who were the early explorers of the Pacific Northwest? Why were they looking at the land here? Did they stick around, build any forts, or move on? How did they get here, by land or by sea? These are some of the questions we are looking at in our newest chapter of Washington History.

#### EXTRA NOTES:

**Slippers** - Please make sure your child has a pair at school. When it is wet and rainy and we go outside for recess, our shoes get wet and it helps to have dry shoes to wear when we come inside.

**Book Orders** - Book orders were sent home yesterday. If you would like to place an order, please do so online either by scanning the QR code on the order or by going to clubs.Scholastic.com. Once there please enter our classroom code: RDHK6 so we get free books and points towards more books! Please have all orders in by Tuesday, October 17. Thank you! Have a blessed week in the Lord!

### 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

This week's featured class is Math. We have three math classes available to 5th and 6th grade students this year: 5th grade, 6th grade, and 7th grade. There is a lot of overlap from 5th grade to 6th grade, which allows a good opportunity for students to advance a level if they are ready. Advancing a student is a decision that is made together with Mr. Biebert as the 7th grade math teacher and the parents of the student, and is based on daily work habits, report card grades, and MAP testing scores. Our math curriculum is organized by skill, with each chapter building upon the previous chapter's skills. My math class time is separated into about 10 minutes to work on math fact practice with the XtraMath program, about 15-20 minutes for the new lesson, and about another 45 minutes to work on practice and homework. Ideally, students should never be bringing math homework home if everything during class goes according to plan. On Fridays, I combine the 5th and 6th grade classes to teach a geometry lesson. Those skills have typically been located in the last chapters of the book, and so we haven't always gotten to them. Combining the classes on Friday gives students more time to finish work and a more balanced math experience.

In other classes, we are coming up on the first parable that Jesus told in religion class. Students will be keeping a "parable journal" to analyze the meaning of the different lessons Jesus taught. In social studies, we just started learning about Julius Caesar and Caesar Augustus's roles in starting the Roman Empire. In Science class, we are saying goodbye to our goldfish guests this week as we come to the end of our ecosystem study. Finally, in English students will be demonstrating their understanding of grammar this week and next with a pair of assessments on sentence parts and nouns.

**IMPORTANT READING NOTE!** Please send your child to school with interesting reading materials. Mrs. Schultz is going to have a couple of days next week when they will choose their own book to read-to-self instead of the class novel.

Finally, I am emphasizing working on XtraMath during free time in the classroom. If you haven't seen the program, it's basically flash cards on the computer. It's really important that students are getting their math facts memorized before they get to Mr. Biebert's math classes. There is plenty of time during the school day to get this practice done, but please have a conversation with your student about whether they are making use of that time. It will make math easier for them (and you!) down the road.

### 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Well, I am glad we got our field trip in this last week, because it seems as though fall weather is here to stay. You will get lots of opportunity to enjoy it with the teacher's conference/short week next week.

Here is the memory work for next week:

10/16: Ephesians 2:8,9, 1 John 2:2, 2nd Article up to "suffering and death"

This week your children got to practice expressing a thought in the trade language, Chinook Jargon. This was a language of around 300 words. You can probably how difficult it would be to express emotion and ideas with such few words. Unfortunately many treaties were translated into this language, which often led to misunderstanding and unfair treaties being accepted between Europeans and Native Americans.

We ate Twizzlers for science this week. It was mainly because I love twizzler pull n peel, but also it was slightly because they serve as a great representation of striated skeletal muscles. We labeled the parts of our striated muscles and discussed their uses. Fast twitch and slow twitch muscles also jumped into the mix as we identified what these different types of muscles are used for.

Please remember that we do only have a two day week planned for next week as the teachers are traveling for teacher's conference. I am so so excited to sit in class for 7 hours over multiple days.....yippee! It is always great to get the student perspective again.

## Thank God for His Grace

Jesus told a story about a man who rented his vineyard to some farmers. When he sent servants to collect the rent, the renters beat them. After sending a series of servants, the man sent his son. Sadly, the renters killed him.

Jesus told the story to warn the religious leaders of his day not to do the same as those renters. God had sent his son to them, and they were planning to kill him. So, Jesus told this story to warn them against what they were about to do. They knew the answer to Jesus' question at the end of his story. "What will [the landowner] do to the tenants" who killed his son? They should obviously be punished for such a horrible act.

Even as he was looking ahead to being killed by these men, Jesus reached out to them in love to warn them. And even more remarkably, Jesus would go to his death to pay the price for his enemies' sins, even their sins against him.

His death paid for our sins, too. For when Jesus was killed on the cross and rejected by so many, we

were forgiven for everything. Every sin was washed away. Every stain on our hearts was cleansed, and we were welcomed into God's eternal family.

This is grace. We receive it by faith. May we never take it for granted.

### Prayer:

Lord, you are generous with your grace; forgiving me of every sin through the sacrifice willingly offered by Jesus. Thank you. Amen.

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Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. "But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time."

**Matthew 21:37-41**