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School News

Mission Offering

Our second quarter offering is going to Meals on Wheels in Spokane! Meals on Wheels is an organization that delivers food to people who are not able to shop or cook for themselves. We are especially excited to get to help them during this holiday season. What a blessing this organization is to so many people in Spokane!!! You can view more information about them [here](#). So far, we have collected \$140.06. Our second quarter donation goal is \$1,300! It is a big goal, but church will also be helping out, and I know we can do it!!

Thankfulness Collage

Over the long Thanksgiving holiday, we are asking families to write what they are thankful for! Please take a picture and send it to us, so we can feature the thankfulness collage in an upcoming newsletter! Thank you for participating!

Thanksgiving Break

We will be off school next Wednesday-Friday, November 25-27 for Thanksgiving! We hope you have a wonderful holiday, and pray you are able to count abundant blessings despite the difficult year! Our gracious God has blessed each of us beyond measure!

Baby Pictures!

No one guessed last week's baby, so let me offer up a clue—this baby may look a bit more familiar to you if she traded the bow for a pair of Mickey ears!!!

Student Interviews

No student interview this week. We will pick back up after Thanksgiving Break!

BookIt!

Remember to keep filling out those calendars during this busy time—they will be due after Thanksgiving!

School Store

You can view our online school store [here](#). Orders should be placed by December 2 to arrive in time before Christmas Break! These items would make GREAT Christmas gifts!

Children's Christmas Services

UPDATE: Due to Governor Inslee's latest proclamation, we are changing up the way we are handling the Christmas Service. As of now, the programs will be recorded. We are planning to record the services during the school day instead of on a weekend. We will keep you posted if any other changes occur.

Brown Day—Preschool

Preschool classes celebrated brown day at school last week! As a parent of a preschooler, I realized that brown clothes are kind of hard to come by for this age! Haha! Enjoy the pictures!

11/20 Cleaning

Upstairs: Hohenthal

Downstairs: Reed



Classroom News

Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

We have kept our same theme, Thanksgiving, for another week. But, we also had a FUN color day celebration this past Monday and Wednesday! Brown is our color of the month, so . . . you guessed it!! Everyone had fun wearing and/or bringing something brown to school. Brown is not a very popular color in a child's wardrobe, so the children were able to bring some special friends. We had a brown monkey, a brown bear, a brown dog and SO many more that shared in our fun! Some of the classes even had a great time with a brown snack – PRETZELS!! And, guess what?? We played hide 'n' seek with brown triangles – even in the dark!! Color Days are so fantastic!! We love them!!

Even though our theme stayed the same, we did change up our centers a bit. Our Drama Center now has an Indian teepee, our Science Center has some color-matching turkeys, and our Math Center has pattern blocks. The change is always fun and exciting – for everyone!!

We had a great time making more crafts in preparation for our Thanksgiving Feast next week. Some of our classes made turkey table decorations, some had their hands painted to look like turkeys, some made Indian headbands, some cut and decorated their Pilgrim collars and the 4-year old classes had a spectacular time making pumpkin bread – all for our Feast next week! What an amazing Thanksgiving Feast we are planning!! Parents, grandparents and siblings - you ALL are invited: Monday and Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. both days.

We have been working VERY hard each and every day in school on our Christmas program song and recitations. Please keep working with your child(ren) at home, also. The work you do at home helps me SO much, and your child will only benefit from this beautiful support!! Thank you for working with me!! We make a great team!!

Our letter of the week next week is "J". We will NOT be doing show 'n' tell next week due to our Feast and the short school week. But, please feel free to bring a "J" show 'n' tell item the following week!

Bible memory work: "This is love for God: to obey his commands." I John 5:3

Have a beautiful weekend!! Stay safe and stay healthy!! God's blessings!!

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 Christmas memory work. Please check the sheet and note the dates that Memory Work is due (it's not just on Thursdays)
- Flashcards were sent home last week. Please return them on Monday, November 23. We will have a sight word test on Tuesday, November 24. Your child will need to be able to write the words as well as read them.

First grade

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day. Fill in your time on your Book it! calendar.
- Lightning Words are due tomorrow, November 20.
- 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, November 23 for full credit.
- There are no Spelling words for next week.
- Practice Christmas memory work.
- We have started a new program called Xtramath. There is a sheet in your child's yellow folder with more information. It will help your child with their math facts. You are more than welcome to sign up and have your child work on it at home for extra practice!

Memory Work:

Please check the memory work sheet I sent home on Monday. Let me know if you need an extra copy.

Christmas Gift Exchange

Please check your child's yellow folder tomorrow for information about our classroom gift exchange. If you are unable to participate please speak with me so your child is not left out.

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2nd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

Word of God - We are wrapping up learning about Moses and how he trusted in himself, rather than in God and how it got him into trouble. Through Moses we learn we need to depend on God and his wisdom and judgement, rather than our own.

Memory Work - We are working on all of the Christmas program (December 12 & 13) memory work in class everyday. The recitations will be assigned memory work after Thanksgiving break and a copy of such were sent home today.

Math - Congratulations to Bennett and Jack for passing their addition facts this week!! I am just so pleased with all of our progress in knowing our math facts!! We will be taking Math Assessment #6 tomorrow.

Social Studies - We have begun taking a look at "Life in Plymouth Colony." We have taken a voyage across the ocean on the Mayflower and have landed at Plymouth.

Science - We were able to experience erosion using sugar cubes in our lab. We will be taking our final test over Rock, mineral, soil, weathering, and erosion on Thursday. After Thanksgiving we will be looking at landforms.

Reading/Phonics - The third and fourth graders have been reading the book, Sarah, Plain and Tall. I love all the questions they ask about life on the prairie! They have all picked a project to work on while reading the book. The second graders are reading The Thanksgiving Story on their own and working on some comprehension activities. It is fun because it is based on the Hopkins family who traveled to the New World on the Mayflower and we even learned about them in Social Studies too!

English/Writing - We are learning about verbs now and are writing our final drafts informational writings on Bats.

Spelling - No Spelling because of the shortened week next week. They are taking some assessments to see if they are ready to move up to the next level or continue where they are currently.

EXTRA NOTES

Book orders for the months of November and December were due yesterday. If you would still like to order for now or Christmas please let me know ASAP.

I signed every child in our classroom up for Epic books. It can be used on the computer, tablet, or phone. There are thousands of books, some of which are in our classroom library, for the children to read. It is just another option for reading materials. I like to have Conrad use it when we aren't at home for him to get his 20+ minutes of reading in a night. There are high interest books, audiobooks, and videos on how to build different things out of legos. Each child gets 2 hours free a week. You can pay for more time, if you like it, and want them to have more time. They can also take comprehension quizzes on what they read to help if your child struggles with comprehension, or continue to strengthen it.

Please feel free to come in and check out all our Turkeys-in-Disguise! The kids did great on them! Plus, don't forget to vote for your favorite disguise (Grandparents and church members are welcome to vote too)! Votes will be tallied Monday after school and the winners announce on Tuesday! Which turkey did the best job??

Have a blessed week and Thanksgiving in the Lord!

5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Another fast and jammed packed week is in the books. I can't believe that we have Thanksgiving break next week already! This week was spent conducting our first couple Christmas service practices. The students are doing an excellent job of praising their Savior!

Here is next week's memory work:

Christmas Program Memory Work!

Both of our history classes had tests this Wednesday. The tests grades should be up no later than Friday. Having a test gave me a reason to bust out the 90's jock jam song, "All Ready For This" as it was being distributed. The thrill of a test is unbeatable! J During next week's short week the 7-8th graders will be looking at some more details on the Reformation, and the 5-6th graders will be starting their study of ancient Egypt.

We are in full matter mode in science. The students have the periodic table completely memorized and are ready to conquer the world. Not, really, but we have been looking at the periodic table and are pulling pieces of information from it. The students also found that they are made mainly of gas. Wow! Gas and the periodic table in one week.....doesn't get better than that. The students have been asked to make 5 element creations for Monday and have some basic information ready to talk about in regards to those elements. Their creations could be what the element looks like on the atomic level, what the element looks like in nature, what the element is used in or can be found in, etc. The basic information would be things like: symbol, atomic number, who discovered, what this element is used in, and any other things the students found interesting.

Thanks for supporting your children's Christian education. We are very blessed to have your children in our care at St. Matthew.

GUESS THAT BABY!



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****

At Home With Jesus

There's no place like home. That's why we want to be home for the holidays. That's where we want to be after a long day at work. Home is where we feel safe, and our hearts are at rest.

In the prophet Ezekiel's day, the people of Israel were far from home. They were living in far-off Babylon. And it was their own fault. They had separated themselves from God by worshiping other gods and living for themselves rather than for him. So, God used King Nebuchadnezzar to invade Israel, rip them from their comfortable lives, and whisk them a thousand miles away to Babylon. Living as exiles, the Israelites learned a hard lesson. They longed to be at home with God.

Do you feel like your sin has put distance between you and God? The prophet Ezekiel has some words of assurance for you. God has made a permanent pact of peace with you. God knew that we couldn't bridge the chasm created by sin. So, Jesus closed the gap for us. He loved God and us perfectly. On the cross, he suffered hell, the consequence of every-

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one's sin. Because God raised Jesus from the dead, nothing can separate those who are in Christ Jesus from God's love.

So, when your sins leave you feeling far from God, look to Jesus. Remember what he has done to rescue you from those sins. Remember that because of what he has done, God promises to dwell with you. And, one day, he will take every one of his followers home to heaven. And you can be sure there is no place like it!

Prayer:

Merciful God, you are mine and I am yours. By your Holy Spirit, make your home in me that I may rest in you. Amen.

I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant. . . . My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Ezekiel 37:26,27