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The Timber Times  
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## School News

### Mission Offering

Our grand total offering count for quarter one was \$347.90!!! We blew our goal of \$300 out of the water! Congratulations, Mighty Timbers! What a blessing it is to have a giving heart. Remember, all quarter one offerings are headed to "New Beginnings," a home for mothers in need.

### Conferences

It has been a pleasure getting to talk with you more in depth about your child's progress. Although conferences are coming to an end tonight, please don't hesitate to reach out if any concerns arise. We are so blessed to work with you and your family!

### No School Reminders

We will not have school tomorrow (for teacher in-service), or Wednesday (for Veterans Day). Thank you, veterans, for your service to our country!

### Baby Pictures!

Benjamin Roth figured out the mystery baby! Little Miss Josey Biebert was our baby last week! Look on page 4 for our next baby!

### Student Interviews

Natalie Fay is our 6th grade student of the week this week. Check out page 5 to learn a little more about her!

### Elementary Survey

If you have not yet done so, we would really appreciate your feedback from this past quarter. Please take the time to fill out our survey [here](#).

### Questions about Lutheranism?

Pastor West is hosting a one-hour presentation to give parents a better idea of what our church teaches, and what your children learn at school. Please consider coming to this work-

shop. Fill out the attached sheet and return to your child's teacher.

### BookIt! Awesomeness

42 students participated in the BookIt! Program in October, and those kids read over 30,000 minutes! AMAZING WORK!!!! That is 74% of our entire elementary school!!! 30,000 minutes is the equivalent of almost 21 straight days!!! Well done, Mighty Timbers!

### Note from Our Board of Ed.

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ who has seen fit to bless our St. Matthew School with an entire quarter of in-person school that few anticipated. We hope and pray for more to come. Please continue to work with the check in process as we are now into "Cold and Flu season" as well. **The most important part, though, is to keep your child home if they are symptomatic. It is likely difficult, but needed to keep the other students and especially the teachers healthy.** We would have a difficult time finding subs to cover a week or two with one teacher being symptomatic even if it's not COVID. Thank you to all for adjusting to our new school size as we had many new students starting this year. It has been a blessing being a part of seeing the new students and parents grow together to know each other. Thank you, parents, for helping clean the school. We appreciate the Christian love that has been shown. St. Matthew's Board of Education, Tony, Mark, & Nick

### BookIt! Calendars

November BookIt! Calendars were handed out this week, so make sure you are filling those out! They are due at the beginning of December.

### November Calendar

Check out our calendar for November here. We have several extra days off

## 11/6 Cleaning

Upstairs: Gaulke

Downstairs: Roth

school, as well as Thanksgiving Break, so make sure to pencil those dates in!

### G is For...

Miss Lindsay's preschool class had an extra fun show and tell on Wednesday for the letter G. Please see the next page for pictures!

### A Week in the Life...

By: Laura West

I'm gonna start with the highlight of everyone's week: Mr. Biebert picking up a urinal cake and saying, "Oh, this is fun to play with." Then Benjo looked up at him and said, "You know that's from the boys bathroom urinal, right?" Mr. Biebert immediately threw it on the table and everyone started hysterically laughing! You really had to be there.

This election, us students have been keeping up with the news by watching CNN10 with it's host Carl Azuz every morning. As I write this, the future president is still unknown, but I am praying we know soon.

In Mrs. Schultz' class, we had a substitute teacher—Mrs. Roberg! She was amazing! We got to play a vocabulary game and win candy!

### Shop with Scrip— EARN \$\$\$ FOR SCHOOL!

St. Matthew is a part of the Scrip Program, gift cards you can purchase to almost all major retailers that give our school rebates! Attached to this newsletter is more information about that program! Now is the perfect time to order if you are on the fence—with the holidays coming up, Scrip makes perfect and easy gifts for all your family and friends!!!

# NO SCHOOL TOMORROW!



**G IS FOR . . . GOATS!!!**

## Classroom News

### Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

Can you guess our brand new theme and what we will be talking about all month long? THANKSGIVING!! PILGRIMS!! INDIANS!! We have so much to learn and so much to do. November is going to be busy, but loads of fun, lots of learning and great activities!!

This week we focused on the Mayflower and why the Pilgrims came to America. The Pilgrims wanted to read their bibles, go to church and pray to God. The bad king of England wouldn't let them, so they came to America. Okay, I know I over-simplified this quite a bit, but the preschoolers can understand this!!

We sponge-painted our Indian vests, and some of the classes made an Indian headband. We are getting ready to dress up for our Thanksgiving Feast at the end of the month.

Our pumpkin is still in the Sensory Center for the children to pound in golf tees. We have a pumpkin shape matching activity in our Math Center and a tracing activity in our Reading Center, but . . . our favorite new Center? The Drama Center!! We have dress-up clothes to try on!! The children absolutely LOVE it!! What FUN we have had this week!!!

With the colder weather around the corner and snow in the forecast, I would love for you to have your child bring slippers to school so they can change out of their wet boots and still have something warm and safe on their feet in the classroom. Thank you!!

I have finished your child's first quarter evaluation. If you would like to review this evaluation, I would love to meet with you and look it over. This doesn't have to be anything "formal", just a quick 5 minute conversation should be sufficient. Please pull me aside before or after school and we can find a quiet place to talk.

Next week we will focus on letter "H". Four year olds, please bring a show 'n' tell item from home that begins with "H".

Our bible verse for next week: "Call upon me in the day of trouble." Psalm 50:15

Have a fantastic weekend. Stay safe, stay healthy and stay warm!!

### 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.

#### First grade

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day. Fill in your time on your Book it! calendar.
- Lightning Words are due today, November 5.
- Reading books will go home today. 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 9 for full credit.
- A spelling list is going home in your child's yellow folder. Please practice these words with your child. The test for these words will be Friday, November 13.

#### Memory Work:

We are still finalizing things for our Christmas program. So you get a break next week.

#### Microwave

Kindergarteners may start using the microwave. Please remember the warm up time may be no longer than 1 minute. We have 22 kids that could potentially using the microwave and we only have 25 minutes for lunch. We will see how the first few weeks go and if need be I will set up a schedule.



**K-4 BOOKIT!  
READERS**

## Classroom News

### 2nd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

Thank you to all of those who took the time out of your busy schedule to meet with me for a parent/teacher conference. It has been great to meet with each of you and learn even more about your child and ways to work with you to help them succeed even more!

**Word of God** - We have been learning about Joseph and when his brothers came to Egypt and then they finally learned Joseph is still alive! Even though Joseph's brothers treated him poorly, Joseph still forgives his brothers, just as God wants us to forgive others who sin against us.

**Memory Work** - New memory work calendars went into the binders on Monday. If you need one at home, please let me know and I can get you one. There is a change from the book to the calendar. There was memory work on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving break, and so I moved it to the week before, since there wasn't any there.

**Math** - Congratulations to Hannah R. for passing her addition facts last week!! Please continue to work on math facts of addition and subtraction at home either with flashcards or Xtramath. Knowing these makes math procedures a lot easier.

**Social Studies** - Well we didn't have any election day hangups; no trouble counting ballots or any hanging chads. The winner was President Donald Trump (15-2). The students had a great time voting and learning about the facts of each candidate.

**Reading/Phonics** - The third and fourth graders have been a new book, Sarah, Plain and Tall. So far they are enjoying it. The second graders will be reading through some Thanksgiving books and working on summarizing them.

**Writing** - We have begun taking our bat information and forming sentences and making paragraphs with the sentences.

#### EXTRA NOTES

The new November Book-it calendar was sent home last week. Please remember to have your child set a goal to reach.

Looking ahead to next week, the temperatures look like they may drop into the low to mid 30s. Please send coats, gloves/mittens, and hats with your child. Please remember to label all of your child's winter gear. There are quite a few pairs of black snow pants hanging up, that if they fall, it's hard to know to whom they belong.

If you are sending items in your child's lunch that need to be heated up, please remember to include a paper plate or microwavable safe dish. Also, include any utensils they may need to use to eat their lunch. If forgotten once in a while, I completely understand, but a daily thing isn't so good. Thank you, it is much appreciated.

Have a blessed week in the Lord!

### 5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Thank you to all of you for meeting with me this week. It was great to get a chance to talk about your child's education. It is also great to be able to bounce ideas off you moving forward into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter to help your child be even more successful as the year goes on.

Here is next week's memory work:

Monday (11/9): Proverbs 1:7a, Matthew 6:33; Thursday (11/12): Hymn 203; Friday(11/13): Luke 11:28, 1 Corinthians 10:24

The 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade history class has looked hard at the Renaissance and the Reformation through the eyes of Martin Luther. We will be finishing up our Renaissance study by looking at some of the artists and musicians who became famous during the Renaissance.

The 5-6<sup>th</sup> grade history class has been looking at some of the early peoples/cultures, or as Hannah Benson would say, early peeps. We have compared the information we find in our book as far as the locations of early peoples and their tools, professions, etc. with what the Bible says. We will be continuing our study of early cultures next week.

We have begun studying matter in science class. We started off identifying the building blocks of matter. We did this through "be like" memes such as "A nucleus be like a brain." The students did this so that they could have these different building blocks make sense in their own minds. We also got a chance to do some water displacement testing which made use of a variety of tools and skills. The students got a lesson in patience with the old school pan balance. Just always remember that you all matter!

All of your children have come up with their own 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter plans. Take time to ask them what strategies they came up with to help themselves in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

I hope you all enjoy your slightly longer weekend this week. I am hoping to get some hunting in this weekend and put venison back on the menu! God Bless You All!

# GUESS THAT BABY!



JOSEY BIEBERT



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:** Natalie Fay / Grade 6

**Favorite food?**

Pasta or Pizza

**Favorite hobbies?**

Art/Crafting

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

I would go to North Carolina, because I want to see my older cousin.

**What job will you have as an adult?**

Teacher.

**What do you love most about school?**

Seeing my friends.

**Who do you admire? Why?**

My uncle because he sings and I like to sing.

**What is your favorite bible passage?**

John 6:35—Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me, will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”



## The Lord will Rescue Me

The little girl stood at the edge of the dock, afraid to jump. From the water, Dad coaxed and coaxed with open arms, "Jump. I'll catch you." But her little legs only stiffened. "What if you can't catch me, Daddy? Or what if you can't swim with me in your arms? What if the fish bite me?" And that's when Mom told the girl to look to her right. There, tied to the end of the pier, was a life preserver. "You see this? I'll stay here, right here with my feet on this solid dock, and I'll throw you this life preserver if you need it. And I'll pull you in." With that added confidence, the little girl jumped. And every time she got to the end of the pier the rest of the vacation, she glanced over her right shoulder to see that life preserver, knowing there was something that could save her, something that could pull her in.

Ever feel like that little girl? Ever feel like you're about to jump into something that you're not sure how you're going to get out of? God doesn't promise a life free from trouble. He doesn't promise a life free from evil. The sharks of this world may be out to get us.

## Weekly Message

But he promises to be there on the pier with the life-saving message of his Word. No matter how deep the trouble is, no matter how much we thrash around in the murky waters of evil, our Savior stands with his feet firmly planted, ready to pull you out.

What turbulent waters are you in right now? See the life preserver of the cross and the empty tomb. Cling to the promises that they hold for you. Cling to the promises of sins forgiven and life eternal. Those aren't empty promises. The Lord will rescue you from every evil attack.

### Prayer:

Lord, help me to live in such a way that always sees the promise of your deliverance. Amen.

The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack.

**2 Timothy 4:18**