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The Timber Times
November 8, 2018

School News

Mission Offering

We are still learning each week about the Fruit of the Spirit. We are moving to the topic of "peace." Talk with your children about what they are learning! Our chapel offerings for the year are at \$125.86 Thank you for your giving hearts!

Coat Reminder

With the chilly weather becoming a norm around here, we kindly remind you to make sure your child has a jacket each day. The children still spend recess outside unless it is raining, snowing, or otherwise inclement. Bringing a jacket will ensure your child is able to participate with the other children during recess or P.E. Thank you!

Veterans Day

Our Veterans Day Program will be held **TOMORROW, November 9 at 11:00AM-12:00PM**. We are looking forward to the opportunity to say thank you to all our veterans, as well as learn a little more about the experiences of some of our military members. We hope you all enjoy this event!

No School

Please remember that you are getting a long weekend this weekend! Veterans Day will be observed on

Monday, November 12, so we will not be having school. Enjoy your weekend and THANK YOU to all our veterans!

Box Tops

Our Box Tops competition is underway! So far, grades 2-4 are in the lead with 35 box tops collected so far! K-1 and 5-8 are super close behind with 33 box tops collected each! What a tight race! Keep bringing in those box tops! We will update you with the running total next week!

Piano Lessons on Tuesday

If you normally have your piano lesson on Monday, next week you will instead have it on Tuesday, since we are off school Monday due to Veterans Day. Please remember any materials you need for your lesson!

Scrip Highlight

Bass Pro Shops cards are still available for purchase with an 8% rebate going back to St. Matthew! Cards are \$25 each, and can also be used at Cabela's!

Soccer Tournament

The Mighty Timbers ended up taking fourth place in the tournament with an

Upcoming Dates

November

- 9 Veterans Day Program 11AM-12PM
- 12 NO SCHOOL—Veterans Day
- 12 Mindfulness Skills Class **CANCELLED**
- 19 Mindfulness Skills Class 6:30PM
- 22-23 NO SCHOOL—Happy Thanksgiving!
- 26 Mindfulness Skills Class 6:30PM

intense 3rd place game that went into double overtime before the Timbers ultimately lost the hard fought battle against Southside Christian. Well done Mighty Timbers!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences took place this week! Thank you for taking the time to meet with your child's teacher, and collaborate with them on the best way to teach your children! We appreciate your participation!!!

St. Matthew Polos

We have several green polos available with our logo on them. You can take a look at our inventory in the school office. Shirts are \$27.00 or two for \$50.00.

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NO SCHOOL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12
HAPPY VETERANS DAY!

General School News – Continued

Report Cards

If you have not done so yet, please make sure to sign your child's report card envelope and return it to his or her teacher. Thank you!

Find the Mighty Timber

Can you tell where Mighty Timber is hiding this week?! Look below to see what he has to say!

If you find Mighty Timber, leave him where he is, and have a teacher or other adult take a picture of you with him in the location! Once your picture is taken, send it to Mrs. Biebert at (715)402-0114 or principal@stmatthewspokane.org. The first person to locate Mighty Timber will be pictured in the following newsletter. If nobody find it this week, we will have another clue in next week's newsletter! Happy hunting!!

11/9 Cleaning

Upstairs: McLaughlin

Downstairs: McLaughlin

“Hi guys! I am new to campus, so I decided to take a stroll around to get to know other new things. I found something that came to campus last year, adding a big shock around here!” -MT



JOHN TAPSCOTT



GRADE: PreK-4 PM

FAVORITE HOBBIES/THINGS TO DO:

Play electronics with "my Sierra ne Chloe" all day.

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

Ice, like Fro-Zone because he freezes people.

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

A minion, because it would be fun.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL:

I like going on field trips and having a (daily) job,

IF YOU WERE PRESIDENT, WHAT WOULD BE THE FIRST THING YOU WOULD DO?

Sit in a chair.

YOUR FAMILY:

My dad, John. My mom, Christina. Sierra (9) and Chloe (2).

EMILEE HALLAUER



GRADE: PreK-4 AM

FAVORITE HOBBIES/THINGS TO DO:

Ride my horse "Bella." Play with my puppy "Dixie." Seal my mom's tablet and watch YouTube. I watch people play with more toys.

SUPER POWER:

I would want to be able to jump really HIGH! That way I can see everything around me.

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

I would be a horse, because I like my horse. Or I would be a girl sheep because I like "LadyBug," my sheep from the fair, and Uncle Bart would not sell me.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL:

Playing tag with Miss Lindsay.

IF YOU WERE PRESIDENT, WHAT WOULD BE THE FIRST THING YOU WOULD DO?

I would tell everyone to read a book.

YOUR FAMILY:

Heidi, Kyndra, Joslyn, Andrea, Daddy, and Dixie. I like it when all us girls go ride our horses. I like snuggling in the chair and rubbing Daddy's eyebrows.

Classroom News

Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

What a beautiful new month! What a beautiful new week! With November underway, our Preschool focus has changed from Harvest to Thanksgiving.

What a week we have had already!! The children have made Indian necklaces, Indian headbands and painted Indian vests. We have a teepee set up in our Drama Center for the children to play in. We have turkeys in our Math Center for the children to put feathers on, and our Art Center is changing daily - from making Indian necklaces to water coloring to bingo dotting. The options are endless!! Our Sensory Center is a water center with floating cranberries that the children get to scoop, dump and pour. How much fun is water play!! Sorry, parents, your children will be coming home with wet clothes. But please be reassured, it is just water from the Sensory Center!!

We are gearing up for our Thanksgiving Feast that our children will be having. During the week of Thanksgiving, we will be having our own Thanksgiving Feast in our classroom. Look for a sign-up sheet for the Feast. We will make our Thanksgiving meal and the children get to dress up as a Pilgrim or an Indian. A lot of crafts and activities these next few weeks, but a lot of fun!!

Brown Day was this Thursday. All the four year old children dressed in the color brown and we played hide'n'seek with brown triangles. The three year old's have their Brown Day on Friday, the 16th. More fun in Preschool!! What a great month to be a three or four year old at St. Matthew!! Have a wonderful weekend with your family! See you next week!!

K-1st Grade News

Miss Rachel Taasaas(360.271.5201)

Homework

Kindergarten

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day. Don't forget to add your minutes to your Book it calendar.
- Please continue to review the letters and sounds with your child. We will be starting the vowels soon. The next few weeks we will be working with the short a sound.
- We have started reading and writing the sight words: **I, see**. We will start adding more sight words please make sure you are working with your child at home with these words.



First grade

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day. Don't forget to add your minutes to your Book it calendar.
- Over the weekend your child needs to read their 3 reading stories to you. Please sign their bookmark and make sure your child brings the Reading book and the bookmark back to school on Tuesday morning.
- Lightning words are due tomorrow.
- Plus 1 fact cards were sent home on Wednesday, November 7. There will be a test on Wednesday, November 14. We are also beginning Plus 0 tomorrow on Friday, November 16. I will send those home next week some time.
- Tomorrow in your child's Friday Folder I will send home the first Spelling List of the year. These words are a bit more challenging so you will need to work with your child but I know this group of rock stars can do it! If I see that the words are too much of a struggle I have an easier list I can send home.

Continue to study the Memory Work from previous dates. We have been practicing speaking our parts with the whole group. Make sure your child is speaking slowly and clearly.

2nd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Kelsey O' Haver (509.570.2023)

We have finished our 4th region! 1 more to go! Today we started learning the states in the West. I purposely saved this one for last, hoping it would be exciting and easier since this is our home region. The date for this test will be the Wednesday before Thanksgiving - November 21. Let me know if you want extra blank maps to practice with at home.

Thank you to all my parents for meeting with me this week. It is such a blessing to be able to sit down and talk with you all. I know our lives can be busy and we don't always have the time we want to do everything! Please know that I love every child in my classroom and they are always in my mind and on my heart - your children truly are my life! I hope they are enjoying school as much as I am. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have anything else you want to talk about.

Blessings on your week!

5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

We are underway in the second quarter and things are growing great. This has been such a hardworking class and it has been very refreshing to see. We are hoping to grow in our use of sticking to what we have written in our assignment notebooks and in our long range planning this quarter. Maybe think if there are ways you can help your child succeed with this at home as well. One of the planning assignments we have is memory work. Here is a list of next week's upcoming memory work:

Wednesday(11/14)-John 5:23b **Thursday(11/15)**-Hymn 194:1 **Friday(11/16)**-Philippians 2:5, 1 Peter 4:10 **Monday(11/19)**-Ephesians 4:15, Matthew 5:16

This week the 5-6th grade history class finished up their study of ancient cultures this week. We did some reviewing for our test on Thursday. We will be taking the test on Tuesday next week. Please note that this is the first day after the long weekend. Please help your child take a total of 30-45min total to look this material over during the long weekend.

The 5-6th grade Catechism class has started a new book and new topics about who God is and what we can learn about him from nature. They students do have a bigger assignment, lesson 58 connections, in which they are typing out in 250-500 words what they Means of Grace is and what it means to them as Christians. I am hoping to get their responses published in future St. Matthew church bulletins for the members to see what they are learning.

Lastly, we will be taking our science test on Forces and Motion next week Wednesday. Please take time to see if your child has filled out their study guide for this.

I pray all of you have a blessed second quarter as you see your children grow in their academic lives but more importantly in their spiritual lives. God's Blessings on your long weekend!

Weekly Message

God the Potter

Have you ever seen the potter at his wheel? It's amazing! Starting with a lump of spinning clay, a good potter can form and shape until he has created a usable vessel, and often it's a work of art!

But sometimes it just doesn't seem to work. So what does the potter do? He reshapes, sometimes even beginning again.

How desperately I need God to reshape me, to reform me! I make a mess out of so many things, oh-so-often! I fail to listen to and focus on God and his Word. I fail to love God with all my heart. I fail to love my neighbor as myself. I make a mess out of myself and I often hurt others!

And yet God, the "potter," continues to lovingly work with me!

He continues to forgive me, love me, and assures me that I am his child. I deserve his wrath! He gives me his love!

And in love he, the potter, continues to shape me; a push here, a prod there, more—or less—pressure as needed. And in the end? I will be an amazing work of art, fashioned by THE Potter himself!

Prayer:

O God, continue to shape and form me that I might show your glory in my life. Amen.

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message." So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me: "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?" declares the LORD. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel."

Jeremiah 18:1-6