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School News

Mission Offering

Afternoon chapel today, so our total remains the same—\$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!!

Meals on Wheels



Our chapel offerings this quarter are going to Meals on Wheels in Spokane. Meals on Wheels is such a blessing to the many people who need this service!

What a wonderful opportunity we have to serve God with our gifts for them!

Thankfulness Collage

The Kernie's submitted their thankfulness picture! Take a look at the next page to see some of the blessings that they are thankful for! Also, if you would like to send in your special thanks, please do so via email or text to Mrs. Biebert. Thank you!

Special Prayer Request

Please continue to keep the church and school in your prayers—that everyone remains healthy physically, emotionally, and spiritually throughout this wonderful holiday season! While Christmas is such a special time of year, and a great time to reflect on God's amazing love, it can also be a stressful time with many

tasks typically added to our plates! Please help us all to find true peace, joy, and contentment all holiday season!

THANKS BE TO GOD!!!

We are also saying special prayers of thanksgiving for Miss Lindsay! Her latest cancer treatment has been working successfully—ALL of her lymph nodes have decreased in size!!! God is SO GOOD—all the time!



Baby Picture

The last baby picture was none other than Miss Taasaas! Please take a look at the new baby on page five!

Student Interviews

Mae Landrus is our student of the week this week. Mae is a fifth grader! Please check out her interview on page six.

BookIt!

The December calendar was handed out this week! Also, please remember to return your November calendar if you have not yet done so.

12/04 Cleaning

Upstairs: Benson

Downstairs: Best

Jesse Tree Advent Devotion



You may have seen these little books in your child's classroom this week. Well, they are for you!!! Feel free to pick one up to use for your advent devotional this Christmas season! You can also find an online version [here](#).

Children's Christmas Services

Our Christmas services will be recorded on Tuesday, December 15. K-8 will be at 10AM and preschool is at NOON. Please dress your child up for this service, and pack clothes to change into after the service. After the program is edited, a link will be sent to school and church families to view. The link will not be made public. However, if you are not comfortable with your child being recorded, please speak with Mr. Biebert about available options!

December Calendar

The December calendar is available for viewing [here](#).



23
DAYS
LEFT

I am grateful for
my family, my house,
food and water, friends,

I am thankful for...
food, cats, chocolate
love, food, water, my
home. my best friend.

I am thankful for
unconditional love,
my job.

My Family. My
patient wife

My faith, my fami-
ly, my job, my health
God's love and providence
during COVID times.

GRATEFUL
thankful
BLESSED

Classroom News

Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

I am praying that all of you had an amazing Thanksgiving celebration with your family last week. I am sure it looked a bit different than past years, but we all have SO much to be thankful for!! God is SO good!!

A brand new week in preschool!! A brand new theme in preschool!! And, of course, brand new centers in preschool!! SO FUN!!

Christmas is our theme for the next few weeks, and it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in our classroom!! The children made their Countdown to Christmas chains that they took home. Please have them cut/tear off one ring each day. We will do the same in the classroom! We also had fun easel painting trees!! They aren't Christmas trees until we add ornaments and a star!! That will happen next week! You will see them hanging in the classroom very soon!

We have some fun new centers in the classroom! We have a HUGE felt Christmas tree in the Drama Center that the children get to decorate with felt ornaments. We have a Nativity Set in the Science Center that the children can "play" with. But the highlight seems to be the green playdoh in the Art Center. What a fun thing for the children to mold, shape and create whatever their imagination desires.

We have been practicing extremely hard every day on our Christmas program. Please let me know if you have any questions about our BIG practice on the 10th or our taping day on the 15th.

Thank you for all of the hard work you have put in to get your child ready for our Christmas program. I could not have pulled this off without all of your help. You parents are amazing!! Thank You!! You guys are GREAT!!

Watch for our Christmas Party sign-up sheet. Parties will be Dec. 17 and 18. There will also be a book exchange on that day. Please bring a wrapped book (\$5 or less) to school for our gift exchange. FUN days ahead!!

Letter of the Week next week: Letter Kk. Four year old show 'n' tell should be an item that starts with Kk.

Bible Verse to memorize: Luke 1:31 "Give him the name Jesus."

God's blessings on a beautiful weekend!!

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)
- New sight words: are, is, has, not
- Review sight words: what, see, the, my, I, like.
- Your child needs to be able to read and spell these words correctly. Practice writing them.
- Please check your child's yellow folder for 2 devotions for this weekend. We have been reading these devotions in class and each day there is an ornament that goes with it. Please read the devotion and have your child color the ornament (you can even help them if you want). They need to cut out the ornaments and return them in the ziplock on Monday. Just keep them in the yellow folder so nothing gets lost. They know to write their name on the back **IN PENCIL ONLY** but you might need to remind them.

First grade

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day. Fill in your time on your Book it! calendar.
- Lightning Words are due tomorrow, December 4.
- 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, December 7 for full credit.
- Practice Christmas memory work.
- Please check your child's yellow folder for 2 devotions for this weekend. We have been reading these devotions in class and each day there is an ornament that goes with it. Please read the devotion and have your child color the ornament (you can even help them if you want). They need to cut out the ornaments and return them in the ziplock on Monday. Just keep them in the yellow folder so nothing gets lost. They know to write their name on the back IN PENCIL ONLY but you might need to remind them.

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

A note was already sent home about the Christmas gift exchange. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Classroom News

2nd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

Word of God - This week we have been learning about how Pharaoh refused to listen to God through Moses and the plagues. We need to gladly hear and learn God's Word everyday and go and tell other the good news.

Memory Work - We are working on all of the Christmas program (December 15th) memory work in class everyday. The recitations will be assigned memory work after Thanksgiving break and a copy of such were sent home today.

Social Studies - We are continuing to take a look at "Life in Plymouth Colony." We are learning about the homes, families, and village life. Many of us are glad we live in today's times and not back then.

Science - Due to Christmas practices and projects we are going to pick up with Landforms after Christmas.

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 Mitten by Jan Brett. We are working on story elements, retelling, and connecting text to self.

English/Writing - We are learning about verbs and working on putting away old words and using dazzling words instead.

Spelling - We are working on new word lists. They will need to do their Word Sort, Speed Sort, and Blind Written Sort this week.

EXTRA NOTES

Book orders are in! I will be sending the books home with the children unless I've heard to do otherwise.

Book-it calendars need to be returned by tomorrow please.

Please ask your child about their glue stick supply. Some of us are running low or are out. I'm trying to have them not use so much, but some think the whole backside of a paper has to be covered in glue! Yikes!

We will be recording our Christmas service on Tuesday, December 15th at 10am. Please have your child dress nicely as it will be going out to many people and we want to all be looking their best.

Have a blessed week in the Lord!

5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

We have reached the end of our first week in December which means we are into the season of Advent!! All of you should have reached a Jesse Tree devotional book that was sent home this week. If you have not received one and are looking for something to spice up your Advent celebration, then please stop by and ask for one. The students are also preparing for the birth of Christ as they continue to practice for their Christmas service which will be filmed on December 15th.

Here is next week's memory work:

Christmas Program Memory Work!

The seventh-eighth graders have begun looking at how religion specifically ties into the Renaissance time period in history class. We began our unit by seeing how God's protection and timing are perfect as we briefly looked over the life of Martin Luther. This study has brought us to studying Germany and its surroundings for our map study.

The fifth-sixth graders will be digging into looking at upper and lower Egypt in their history study next week....riveting....I know!

Speaking of history, next year is the year that we traditionally would plan to go Washington D.C. as part of our U.S. history study. This trip would be for the current 6-7th graders who will be 7th-8th graders. We really need to have an initial meeting where we talk about fundraising and costs. The craziness of COVID has put us behind in fundraising and in options for fundraising. If you are a parent of one of those above mentioned classes and have ideas, then please let me know. Look for information about an upcoming meeting if you are interested in having your child apart of this amazing experience.

No tears were shed in science as of the writing of this newsletter tidbit. We began balancing some chemical equations in science class to tie in with our study of the periodic table. Corban Benson caught on right away when he said, "This is just like finding the least common multiple." Yes sir! It was cool for him to catch on to the connection so quickly!

I sent home a Christmas gift exchange note today for our Christmas party on the 18th. Attached should have been a list of the different students and some of their interests/hobbies to help in selecting gifts. Please keep you/your child has a secret!

This weekend I can officially say that I will be the proud papa of a three year old. Love you Josey Willa Biebert!

GUESS THAT BABY!



MISS TAASAAS



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: Mae Landrus / Grade 5

Favorite food?

Hamburgers

Favorite hobbies?

Playing the piano, shopping, and hanging out with friends

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

Hawaii because I want to swim with sea turtles!

What job will you have as an adult?

An elementary school teacher.

What do you love most about school?

The Biebert's because they are nice, fun, and interesting.

Who do you admire? Why?

My parents because they provide for me and help me when I need it.

What is your favorite bible passage?

Jude 1:2—"May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you."



Weekly Message

Strong to the End

“I don’t know how much more I can take.” Have you heard anyone offer that sentiment lately? Many of us are ready for 2020 to be over. No doubt about it, this year has presented many challenges: Covid-19. Natural disasters. Anxiety, depression, and stress are at dangerously high levels in society. Throw in political chaos, and it has been a year unlike any other.

How are you going to make it? Can you survive anything more? At the risk of piling on, there is no guarantee that 2021 will be better. In fact, it could be even worse. How are you going to make it?

Certainly not on your own. We are all so full of weakness, fear, and worry. We are so inclined to doubt, stress, and despair. We do not have sufficient strength to go it on our own, no matter what we may try to tell ourselves. Our supply of strength is severely limited and cannot possibly hope to get us through the challenges of this world.

Thankfully, God promises to keep us strong. He has sent Jesus to save us and

strengthen us. Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection give us the salvation we need and the assurance that God really does love us and care for us. In Jesus, we find forgiveness and peace. In Jesus, we find the strength to keep going and the hope of a better future in heaven.

God proved his love and care by keeping his promise of a Savior. He will keep his promise to strengthen us through his Word. How are you going to make it? Only through God and the strength he provides. Put your trust in Jesus and daily find strength through his Word. Make God’s Word a regu-

lar part of each day, and then, no matter how long this goes, God will keep you strong to the end.

Prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I cannot do this on my own. Help me to trust in your Word of promise. Keep me strong to the end. Amen.

He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:8,9