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## School News

### Read2Ride

Please make sure you are filling out your forms for Read2Ride! All it takes is 10 hours of reading for a FREE ticket to Silverwood! If you have questions about this or need an extra form, please contact your child's teacher!

### Auction Update

Please look at our website [here](#) to get all the latest auction info. We are having a meeting on March 24 after school in the church! If you would like information about that meeting, please reach out to Kayla Biebert — she can forward the agenda and necessary items. Be sure to purchase your auction tickets using the QR code below or by clicking the above link! Grandmas & grandpas, friends and family are more than welcome to attend this event as well! Please tell anyone who is interested in supporting the school to purchase a ticket on our website!



### Book Week!

Thanks to all of our teacher who worked tirelessly sorting books last week, and thanks to the many families who bought books from our sale last week! We were able to raise \$478.22 for our building fund from

the book sale alone!!! Thank you all for your generous support! We pray you all enjoy the wonderful books you purchased!

### Get Your St. Matt's Support On!!!

For all the families that have re-enrolled for the upcoming school year—THANK YOU SO MUCH!!! We have bumper stickers and yard signs for each of you to show your continued support for our school! Thank you for being a part of this amazing family!!!! We love you all!



### Spring Teacher Conference

Next week the teachers are heading over to the west side to attend a teacher conference. Please note that there will be no school on Wednesday, March 16 - Friday, March 18. Classes resume the following Monday, March 21. Enjoy your extended weekend!

### Lenten Services

Lenten services will be continuing on Wednesdays throughout the season of Lent. Services are available at 3:45 & 6:30. Please join us if you are able!

### Softball/Track

Softball will practice Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:45-5:00. Softball will be having a meeting Monday, March 14 RIGHT AFTER SCHOOL in Mr. Biebert's classroom. The meeting should last about 10 minutes. You will receive and sign all the forms at the

### 3/11 Cleaning

**Biebert/Taasaas/Boys:** Lee  
**Most/Rosenbaum/Girls:** Lee

meeting. The first softball practice will be on March 21! Track athletes will be practicing 1-2 times a week during one of their recesses. This means he or she needs to have tennis shoes at school. A half-sheet of information for track went home today. Track will have one/two meets and the dates are TBD.

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

Please continue to pray for Miss Suzanne Hough as she deliberates the call to serve as our 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher for the upcoming school year! We will be sure to provide updates if we hear a decision.

### Support our Police

Our evangelism committee at St. Matthew is starting a campaign for the month to write thank you cards to our local law enforcement! If you would like to write a card to be sent out, please bring it to our office by Friday, March 25. Thanks for participating! Thanks also to those in our own St. Matthew family who serve on the police force!

### Junior Choir & Drama

We are hard at work memorizing our lines and songs for the school musical, "A Knight to Remember." Please help your child by encouraging them to work on the lines with you or another family member. I also sent home a note to have each member's parents sign up for the Remind

# SPRING CONFERENCE

## NEXT WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY

app in a special jr. choir and drama group to help notify you, the parents, of any last minute changes and such. Please note that after Spring Break, practices will need to go until 5 pm to have enough time to run through the musical from start to finish. Thank you for your help, understanding, and support!

### Parenting Article

Please view the latest parenting article [here](#). This article focuses on coping

during stressful times and situations. The topic also covers kids of all ages, including teens, so hopefully all parents can find something useful in each section of this post!

### Church Cleanup Day

On Saturday, March 26 from 9:00AM-1:00PM we will be doing some light outdoor cleaning around the property. If you would like to join us during this time, please bring a rake and some gardening gloves! Thank you in advance for helping!

## Classroom News

### Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

I don't think there is a single week that goes by in preschool when we don't have a party or a special day to celebrate!! This week is no exception!! Keep reading to find out what we get to celebrate this time!!

We finished talking about Fire Safety last week and now we get to have fun with Bear Week. We have an actual bear cave in our Drama Center that the children can crawl into and pretend to be a bear!! Last October, we learned that bears hibernate during the winter. Springtime is almost here, so guess what?? Our bears are waking up and they are SO hungry!! The kids are having a lot of fun playing in this center and pretending!! We also have a bear in our Science Center. This bear loves to eat fish with letters on them, but he can't get fed until the boys and girls match the upper case and lower case letters first. Once they have a match, they can pop those fish into the bear's mouth. Can they fill our bear's tummy?? They sure are going to try. Our Listening Center has the book, Big Bear, Small Mouse. We get to review opposite words: fast and slow, high and low, loud and quiet, etc. What a GREAT time we are having with new our Centers!!

This week, everyone was able to easel paint a brown bear, some of our classes had fun painting a bear face using a fork and we all sorted gummy bears by colors and counted them. It sure was fun eating those afterwards, too!! YUM!! YUM!! But that's not all!! We get to finish off our week with a Teddy Bear Picnic!! Our BIG celebration!! The children bring in their most favorite bear (or another animal if they didn't have a bear) and we have a fun picnic on the floor during snack time. The bears also are given awards!! WHAT!!! Awards are given out for the "Most Awesome Bear", the "Most Loved Bear", the "Biggest Bear", the "Most Colorful Bear" and so many more!! What a fun day with our bears!!

Next week will be a short week due to Teacher Conferences. We will introduce the letter "Uu" to the children on Tuesday, but will continue focusing on "Uu" the week AFTER Teacher Conferences, also. Please have your children bring an item from home for show 'n' tell that begins with "Uu" for the next two weeks.

Our bible verse we will learn is Psalm 103:1 "Praise the Lord."

Have a fabulous five-day celebration with your family!!

### Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

- Read 20 minutes each night with your child. They need to hear what a fluent reader sounds like as well as be reading to you. Add minutes to the Book it calendar.
- Don't forget about your Silverwood reading log as well!
- New word family- -it. We don't have any new sight words just keep reviewing from the sheet I sent home. It's important to remember these are SIGHT words, we never sound out sight words.
- Growth Mindset Affirmation of the Week: I don't give up!
- Math- identifying coins and counting dimes. Give your child some dimes and ask them to count them by 10's.
- We have been discussing characters and setting in the stories that we read. As you read with your child at night ask them to identify these story elements.

### Memory Work

We do not have memory work next week. This verse is for the following week.

**March 24-** I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies. John 11:25

### March Madness

The kids have been enjoying our March Madness book bracket. Ask your child what their favorite book has been so far.

### Yellow folder

I will not be sending home a yellow folder next week because we have a short week.

**Weather**

The weather is finally starting to get warmer!! First recess is usually a little cool so please make sure your child has either a light jacket or long sleeves. Usually the next 2 recesses they can get away without a coat but please make sure they are dressed appropriately for first recess.

**1st-2nd Grade News**

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

**Memory Work/ Christlight**

- 3/15 - Matthew 26:41
- Please read the Bible stories from this week with your child this weekend and sign and return the YELLOW sheet. Please note that the dates are wrong on the yellow sheet, please read the stories that are in the pink folder!

**1st Grade Homework**

- Purple bookmark (Theme 7-2) will be due March 14.
- No Lightning Words for next week.
- No spelling words/test next week.
- Read 20 minutes a day. Make sure to be adding your minutes to the Book It calendar and the Read to Ride sheet.

**2nd Grade Homework**

- No spelling words/test next week.
- Read 20 minutes a day. Make sure to be adding your minutes to the Book It calendar and the Read to Ride sheet.

**Extra Notes**

- An Accelerated Reader information sheet went home on Monday. This will allow you to take the tests at home rather than at school. Please follow the directions carefully. Make sure to not help your child with answering the questions. Reach out if you have any questions.
  - To help families find their link google [school.stmatthewspokane.org](http://school.stmatthewspokane.org) > elementary school > classroom pages > [click your own child's class page]
  - [Accelerated Reader Testing Site](#)
- As the weather is getting warmer, we will be having PE outside again. It will be helpful for the kids to bring tennis shoes for PE on Friday.
- Some students have been losing a bunch of their crayons. Please ask your child if they need a new box of crayons and if so purchase them one.
- Please sign up for the auction items needed for the baskets our class is putting together. We need your help to make our baskets a success. The items you signed up for need to be brought by March 23. Thank you!

**3rd-4th Grade News**

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

**\*\*\*Read for 20 minutes at home** - Please ensure your child is filling out their reading log every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday night (This one could be done on Saturday or Sunday also). It is a homework assignment for reading.

**Accelerated Reader or A.R.** can now be accessed from the comforts of your home! Just follow to find the link google [school.stmatthewspokane.org](http://school.stmatthewspokane.org) > elementary school > classroom pages > [Most]

**Writing** - The children have been working hard on publishing their informative writing about the Greek god or goddess of their choice. All that is left to do is Author share time and for Mrs. Most to make them all into a book to share with family.

**Science** - The planet posters are done and hanging in the hallway! Please come in and check out some great facts about our planetary neighbors.

**Social Studies** - We will be wrapping up chapter 6 next week with a test over the material on Tuesday, March 15.

**Extra Notes-**

- **3rd Quarter Ends in 8 days** - Please be checking out how your child is doing in class on Jupiter Ed. Some are struggling to stay on top of getting their assignments finished in a timely manner and handed in. If I see it is a continuous problem, even after speaking with you and your child, they will be calling to stay after school to catch up just as the school's hand-book states.
- **Assignment Notebook/Planner** - Please, please, please be sure you are checking and signing/initial your child's planner each night! This informs me that you saw what they had for homework and that it was finished and you saw it! This is one of the best ways to communicate with me also if something is taking too long with your child's homework or if there is a problem with an assignment if you can't speak with me in person the next day.
- **Midweek Lenten Services** - Please join us after school for our midweek Lenten services and we learn about our Savior's journey to the cross. The services will be at 3:45 and 6:30 each Wednesday. I will be playing the piano for the 3:45 service, so any child not picked up by 3:40 will be sent over to Miss Taasaas' room to be picked up.
- **Read-to-Ride** from Silverwood is due by March 31. Forms will not be accepted past this date. When your child finishes the required 10 hours/600 minutes of reading, have them hand in the form the next day.

Have a blessed week in the Lord!

### 5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

We had the Miss Frizzle experience this week in science class as we plodded through our continued study of cells. Unfortunately, most of your children got stuck in a sea of cytoplasm. The 7-8<sup>th</sup> graders also got a chance to give their presentation on their D.C. trip to the class. They (those that can make it) will be giving the presentation again on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> after the church service. Please mark it on your calendars so that your children can attend.

Here is next week's memory work:

Monday 3/14-1 John 2:2

The 5-6<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking their South East map test next Tuesday. We will next be studying the South West region. Both of these regions tie into our study of how the Spanish shaped the development of our country. One of the major characters in the history of the Spanish was actually the Pueblo leader Pope (poh PAY). I call him poopee. One of my students came to me after the lesson and said "You realize that his name is pronounced poh Pay right?" I told him "Yes." He looked at me with a look that seemed to say: "Then why did you call him poopee?" I asked him if he would ever forget Pope and what he did. His response of "no" was explanation enough for him. A statue of Pope is in our nation's capital as a symbol of freedom for the Pueblo people.

The 7-8<sup>th</sup> graders have continued to look at events in the aftermath of the Walla Walla treaty council. Recently we looked at how reliance on the government for the tribes meant that they really could not turn back to their old cultural ways of living without repercussions from the U.S. government. This put the Plains Indians in quite a predicament.

A couple quick notes: A reminder that we have a two day week next week. Also, please double check the work that your children have done if they bring a school Chromebook home. All the students have gotten permission from me if they have brought a Chromebook home; however, I want to make sure that they are using it for work, and not for just chatting with friends after school.

I think this weekend will be the first trip out in the boat for the season. It is a little later than I would have liked, but that's what happens when you get busy I guess. I hope you can all find time to do something that you have been dying to do this weekend.

God Bless!

## Confidence

We live in an age of confident boasts. Politicians make bold promises about what they will do in office. Athletes post on social media about how they will dominate on the court or the field. So many people in this world are ready to tell us what they are going to do. All that confidence is impressive, except sometimes things do not turn out as planned. Very often, the politician fails to accomplish what was so boldly promised. Frequently the confident athlete walks off the court, failing to deliver on the predicted championship.

In 1 Samuel 17, David makes some confident statements of his own. Notice that he does not boast in himself. Rather, he boasts in the Lord. David stares up at the 9-foot giant and boldly confesses his faith in the Lord and predicts that he will win the battle in the Lord's name.

Are you looking for similar confidence? You will find it in Jesus. He has redeemed you. He has died on the cross to take your sins away. He rose from the dead so that, through faith in him, you could have eternal life. He has defeated your enemies. He has obtained forgiveness of

sins and eternal life in heaven and given them to you free of charge. He promises to be with you always and encourages you to put your faith in him.

This mighty Lord, who has already done so much for you, will also be with you, bless you, and fight for you. And unlike so many others in this world, his bold statements have never gone unfulfilled. His promises have never fallen to the ground. Trust in him. Have confidence that Jesus' victory is your victory. In Jesus' name, you can defeat temptation.

### Prayer:

Dear Jesus, grant me the boldness to trust in you no matter what. Lead me to place my confidence in the victory you have won for me. Amen.

David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head."

**1 Samuel 17:45,46**