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The Timber Times
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School News

Spring Break

Spring Break is almost here—can you feel it?! We hope that you enjoy your week off from school, and come back feeling so refreshed and ready to finish off the school year! We are excited to hear about all your Spring Break adventures!!!

Easter for Kids Registration

Easter for Kids registration is now open on our website! Please head to school.stmatthewspokane.org to fill out that registration! Easter for Kids will take place **April 13 from 9:30-11:30AM**. We are planning crafts, games, and an Easter egg hunt all **FREE OF CHARGE!** Please speak with a teacher if you have any questions! We look forward to having you join us!



Mighty Timber

No one has sent a picture of Mighty Timber in his latest hiding spot! He is lonely, so he decided to come back to school. Find out where he has been on the next page! We will

start fresh with a new spot after Spring Break!

3rd Quarter Conferences

If you wish to speak with a teacher about your child's progress, please take advantage of the conference times after Spring Break. Teachers will be available **April 10-12 from 3:30-5:30PM**. These conferences are not required, but encouraged if you or your child are having any issues you wish to address. Please speak with your child's teacher to set up a time.

Rec League Softball

Mr. Biebert is trying to get a co-ed rec league softball team together! This is open to all church and school members 18 or older, on a first come, first served basis. The league begins May 2 and runs on Thursdays until the end of June. If interested, please speak with Mr. Biebert (715) 402-0094. We will have a couple sign up sheets available to put your name down.

Preschool Sings

This Sunday, March 31 at 10:00AM our preschool will be singing in church! We look forward to hearing your joyful songs of praise to kick off our Spring Break week!

Upcoming Dates

March

- 29 **End of Quarter 3**
- 31 Preschool Sings 10:00AM

April

- 1-5 **NO SCHOOL—SPRING BREAK**
- 3 6:00PM—Soup Supper; 7:00PM—Lenten Service
- 8 Classes Resume
- 10 6:00PM—Soup Supper; 7:00PM—Lenten Service
- 10-12 **Optional Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-5:30PM**
- 13 Easter for Kids—9:30-11:30AM
- 16 Softball Practice—3:30-5:00PM
- 18 **EARLY RELEASE—NOON**
- 18 Softball Practice—3:30-5:00PM
- 18 Maundy Thursday Worship—7:00PM
- 19 **NO SCHOOL—GOOD FRIDAY**
- 19 Good Friday Worship—7:00PM
- 21 Easter Sunday Worship—7:30AM or 10:00AM; Easter Brunch—8:30-9:30AM
- 22 **NO SCHOOL—EASTER MONDAY**
- 23 Softball Practice—3:30-5:00PM
- 25 Softball Practice—3:30-5:00PM
- 28 Grades K-1 Sing—10:00AM
- 30 Softball Practice—3:30-5:00PM

Lent

Just a reminder that Lenten services continue each Wednesday up until Holy Week! Soup supper is at 6:00PM, with church following at 7:00PM.

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**PRESCHOOL SINGS
THIS SUNDAY
MARCH 31
10:00AM**



3/29 Cleaning

Upstairs: McLaughlin

Downstairs: McLaughlin

General School News – Continued

D.C. Kids' Spaghetti Feed

The upper graders would like to thank everyone for coming to the spaghetti dinner and donating to their D.C. trip fundraising efforts!!! Thank you also to those who pitched in to help with cooking, serving, and cleaning up for the spaghetti dinner yesterday! We truly appreciate all your support!!!!

Word of the Week

K-1's word of the week this week is "agree." You can find Jacob Kirkingburg's example on the next page!

End of Quarter Three

Quarter three officially ends tomorrow, which means you are 75% finished with this school year! WOWZA!!! It has gone so quickly. Report cards will be ready on April 8—when you arrive back from Spring Break!

Mighty Timbers Softball

Softball season will be starting shortly after Spring Break! Practices will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning April 16! Please speak with Mrs. O'Haver or Coach Rusty Roth if you have any questions! Go Timbers!!!

April Calendar

Attached to this week's newsletter is our calendar for April. Please look through it, as we have several days off from school, sports starting, and other important events this upcoming month!

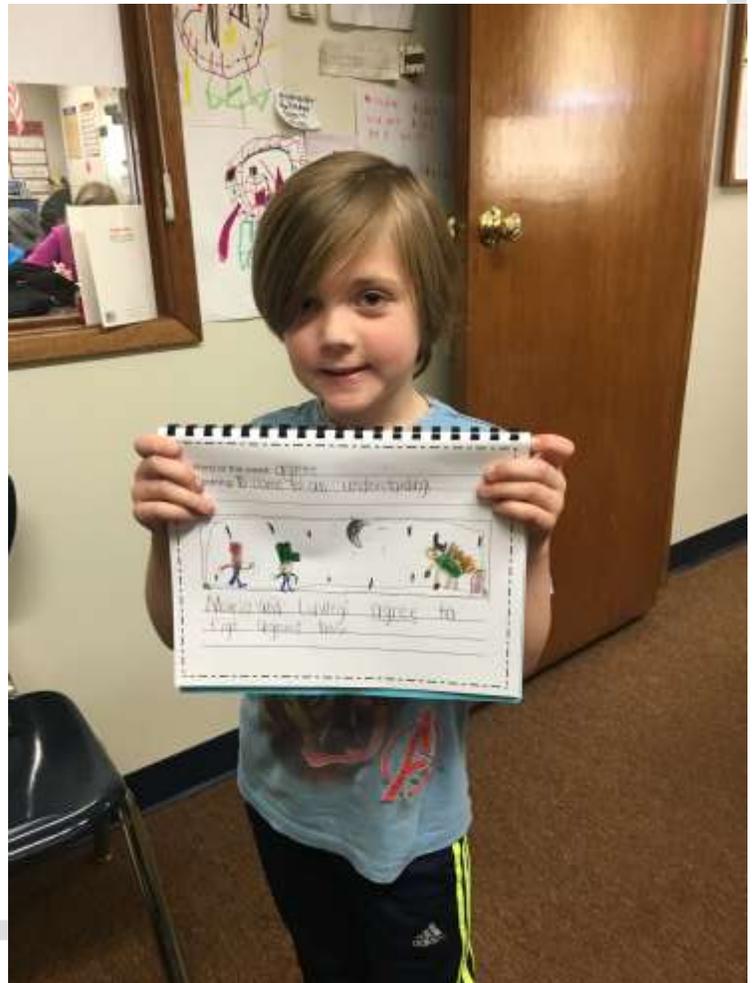
My hiding spot was too
WONDERFUL, so no one
found me! I have been
playing at
WONDERLAND!!!!
Maybe you can join me next
time!



WORD OF THE WEEK AGREE

Jacob defined agree: "To come to an understanding."

Jacob's sentence: "Morio and Luwegi agree to fight against basr."



Classroom News

Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

What a busy week before Spring Break!! SO much going on in preschool!! The week started off with bang!! We have a brand new theme - BUGS/INSECTS - and brand new centers that the children get to explore!! We have an uppercase/lowercase matching activity in the Reading Center. The children can match the uppercase flower to the lowercase bumblebee. Our Math Center has pattern blocks that they can create bugs and flowers. Our Drama Center has been transformed into a life-size beehive!! The children can have their bees drink the nectar from the flowers, and collect their pollen balls in their "baskets" and fly their bees to the hive where they place their pollen in the honeycomb. VOILA!! Honey!! What a beautiful science lesson, too!! The children LOVE this!! We also have a fun Sensory Center. The children can use tweezers to "catch" the bugs in the "grass". Messy, but FUN for all!

We created bumblebees on Monday, Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon. The bees need to surround the life-size beehive, of course!!

On Tuesday afternoon, Sage's grandpa, "Mr. John" came into our classroom and showed us the beautiful art of pottery. He first showed us how his pottery wheel works, and then he gave us all clay (which is really dirt) that we rolled out to create all sorts of amazing things. We made dinosaurs, vases, teapots, cups, hearts, boxes, volcanoes - whatever our heart inspired!! What a fantastic experience the children had - one I know they will NEVER forget!! Thank you to all of the parents that helped out on this "in-house" field trip and a HUGE thank you to John for making this classroom experience an unforgettable one!! What a wonderful afternoon!!

Wednesday and Friday mornings (the afternoon 3's came for this Friday morning field trip to join in on the fun) were filled with fun because we had a field trip to PetSmart. What an amazing day we had looking at all of the fish, birds, guinea pigs, cats and dogs! Some of the classes were even able to get a closer look . . . and touch (YUK!!) their reptiles - snakes, chameleons, and other lizards!!

Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon were amazing because we were able to visit Kindergarten!! We got to listen to "Pete the Cat and His White Shoes" and create our own Pete picture with our own color choice of shoes! We always have fun on our Kindergarten visits. Miss Taasaas is the BEST!! This was our last visit!! BOO!! But now we get to practice our musical with them!! YAY!!

What a crazy busy week, but what a crazy fun week in preschool!!

We want to welcome 2 new students to our afternoon 3's class: Caleb Farris and Finley Rolston joined us this month. What a beautiful addition they are to our St. Matthew family!! We are SO glad they are enrolled our preschool!! WELCOME!!

The week of April 8, our 4's will do show 'n' tell with the letter "V".

Have a beautiful and blessed Spring Break!! Enjoy some wonderful family time together!! God's blessings to all of you!!

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.
- This week we are reviewing short o.

First grade

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day. Don't forget to add your minutes to your Book it calendar.
- Reading books will not be sent home tomorrow.
- Lightning Words due tomorrow, March 29.
- Spelling test tomorrow, March 29.



Memory Work for April 11:

Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only. Matthew 4:10b

Singing in Church

Our class is scheduled to sing on April 28. Please put this on your calendar. We have a small class and need all of our voices.

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E-I-E-I Oops!

This year our Spring musical is E-I-E-I Oops! We have two performances: May 16 and 17 both at 6:30 pm. Ms. Lindsay and I are finalizing parts. After spring break I will let you know what part your child has and what lines they need to memorize.

Book it calendars

Please return the March book it calendar tomorrow or you can wait until after Spring Break.

Spring Break Homework

Kindergartners and First graders need to be able to tie their own shoes. Please work on this at home during the break. If your child is not able to tie their shoes it might be best to get Velcro shoes or slip on shoes until they are able to do this. Thank you!

2nd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Kelsey O' Haver (509.570.2023)

Hooray - we have made it (almost!) to Spring Break! I absolutely cannot believe how quickly the time has been flying. I hope you all have been having an enjoyable school year. Please remember if you ever need to talk to me about something, let me know!

As the weather gets warmer...well...kids sweat more. Just take a whiff of the classroom after recess!! Whoo! Parents, would you please do me the pleasure of making sure your kids are wearing deodorant (if they need it) and showering on a regular basis? I would appreciate that so much. :-) Thanks in advance!

2nd grade parents - Starting 4th quarter, your child will be saying Memory Work 2x a week. Tuesdays are the day that it is being added. Hopefully this is not a surprise - we talked about it way back in August. All the verses are on the Memory Work paper that is hopefully easily found at your house!

Remember - I will be gone the first 2 days after we return from Spring Break. Mrs. Biebert will be subbing for me and I will return on Wednesday, April 10. (PS I will be out of the country so don't be offended if I don't answer a text. I won't be available on my phone from April 2-9.)

Our last Book-It calendar finishes up on Sunday! Please don't lose it over Spring Break! :-) You can put it in backpacks and hand it in when we get back from break. Also, March is the last month of Book-It. It doesn't mean your kids should stop reading though! Everything improves when your child is reading!

And finally, our classroom is running low on both paper plates and glue sticks! If you by chance are willing to donate either or both items to our classroom, I would greatly appreciate it. Please don't get the super thin paper plates - the sturdier ones work way nicer! Thanks so much!

Have an AMAZING break! See you all soon!

5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Happy Spring Break Everyone!! It is time for that much needed break that many of you have been looking for. This week we selected that we are going to be doing the play, "Recess." It is a play about a teacher that goes crazy from her naughty kids. Side note: The students will need their best acting since this is nothing like what would ever happen at our school.

Here is the memory work for after Spring Break: **Monday(4/8): Genesis 39:9b; Acts 5:29; Acts 4:20, Wednesday(4/10): 3rd Article, Thursday(4/11): 337:1,5 Friday(4/12): Galatians 6:1; Matthew 18:15; 1 John 3:6**

The 7-8th grade history class was given the task to select a historical topic, take a stance on it, and back it up with 3 proofs (with evidence). This will be due the Thursday after Spring Break. They also have our last U.S. region, the North East, to be studying.

The 5-6th grade history class also should be studying the North East region for history class. We will take this test after break.

Our science class will pick back up with waves after break. It was such a blessing to see our last group get done with their Rube Goldberg project. They worked very hard on one task and it just never worked. They could have given up, but they totally changed plans and successfully completed a task. I was extremely proud of them.

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped out with our spaghetti D.C. fundraiser. We were able to successfully raise quite a bit of money. The students worked very hard and had some fun doing it in the process. Our next fundraiser is in the works.....stay tuned. I would like to have a very brief D.C. meeting tomorrow to talk about it.

Weekly Message

Making Sense of Tragedy

Dozens are left homeless in the wake of a natural disaster. Victims lose their lives when gunmen open fire on schools. Hundreds die every month in wars and terrorists attack the innocent around the world.

Could these tragedies have been prevented? Who is really at fault? Where was God, when these things happened? Why did they happen?

We're okay when bad things happen to bad people. Maybe, somehow, they are finally getting what they deserve. Maybe God wants to teach society a lesson about immoral living.

But how our thoughts change when tragedy strikes us or when what happens seem unfair! Why did she get cancer while her friend stayed healthy? Why did his son die in the war zone while mine came back alive? Why do innocent bystanders get caught in the crossfire of violence?

It's not fair, God! Why do you let bad things happen to good people? If you are truly just and loving, how could this happen?

But why those things happened at those times to those people is God's business, not ours. It is not our job to judge those who were affected, and God certainly isn't calling us to judge him. Instead, he wants us to take a good, hard look at ourselves. "But unless you repent, you too will all perish," Jesus said.

The word "repent" means "turn around." God wants to use the tragedies of life to turn our hearts away from our sin that leads to death to our Savior who gives us life.

None of the tragedies of Jesus' day or ours can compare to the apparent injustice that Jesus experienced. He was the sinless Son of God. But he was convicted, con-

demned, and crucified for crimes he never committed.

When he suffered and died on the cross, Jesus switched places with you. He took your accusations against God, your questioning God's love, your holding onto sinful ways, and he gave you his perfect trust, love, and obedience. He faced hell to give you heaven. He endured death to give you life.

When tragedy strikes, may God's love at the cross quiet our questions and turn our hearts to Jesus in sincere repentance and joyful praise.

Prayer:

God, life doesn't always make sense. When tragedy strikes, help me to trust your love in Jesus my Savior. Amen.

"Unless you repent,
you too will all perish."

Luke 13:3