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The Timber Times
March 7, 2019

Upcoming Dates

March

- 7 EARLY RELEASE—NOON
- 13-15 **NO SCHOOL—Spring Teacher's Conference**
- 13 **Lent:** 6:00PM Soup Supper 7:00PM Church
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- 29 **End of Quarter 3**
- 31 Preschool Sings 10:00AM

School News

Spring Teacher Conference

We have an extra short week next week—only two days!!! Wednesday-Friday the kids have off school because our teachers will be at Teacher Conference. We hope you enjoy some much needed extra relaxation!

interested, please speak with Mr. Biebert (715)402-0094. We will have a couple sign up sheets available to put your name down.

Lent

Lent is underway! Lent is the period of time between Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday that we take time to reflect on Jesus' suffering and death. During this time, we also reflect on Jesus' reason for suffering and dying: to save us sinners from death. Every Wednesday we have a Potluck Supper at church at 6:00PM, followed by church at 7:00PM. We would love to have you join us for these special services! If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor West at (509)217-9617.

Easter for Kids Registration

On April 13 from 9:30AM-11:30AM St. Matthew will be hosting our annual Easter for Kids for children ages 3-12. We will have games, crafts, and an Easter egg hunt free of charge! Registration for this event begins on **Monday, March 18**. The registration form will be available on our website, so be on the lookout! We look forward to having you there!

Mighty Timber

Mighty Timber is hiding again this week, so be sure to check out his clue! This week the clue is located to the right on this page.

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

D.C. Kids' Spaghetti Feed

On Wednesday, March 27, the kids planning to go to Washington D.C. in 2020 are hosting a spaghetti dinner for the Lenten meal before church. This will begin at 6:00PM on March 27. We would like to invite everyone to come and show their support! The children are not charging for the meal,

but instead ask for a free will donation if you so choose. We hope to see you all there!



"I wonder if you will be able to find me this week?" —MT

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NO SCHOOL
NEXT WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY
3/13-3/15

3/8 Cleaning

Upstairs: D'Andrade

Downstairs: Dana Allbee

General School News – Continued

K-1 FEATURES

Word of the week: collect

Meaning: To gather or bring together from different places



I collect logs at the beach

Word of the week: collect

Meaning: To gather or bring together from different places



I collect power-ups and candies in my video games

Classroom News

Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

A bit of a quieter week this week, but a lot still going on!! We are still covering Fire Safety in the preschool. Our Listening Center now has "Kai to the Rescue!" by Audrey Penn. We still have our Fire Station Playhouse in the Drama Center, which is, of course, a big hit. Our Science Center now has a non-fire safety activity that I was just SO excited to bring out - just for fun!! I recently purchased some Magna-Tiles for our preschool centers. What an amazing addition!! They are 3D magnetic building tiles. Several of the preschool children have them in their homes. You may, too!! But what fun to have them at preschool, too! The children have had fun all week with these!! Excellent purchase: where Math, Science, and Creativity meet! AMAZING!!

On Wednesday and Friday, we celebrated Yellow Day. The children were able to dress in Yellow OR bring something Yellow to school (not everyone has yellow in their wardrobe). Of course, we had hide 'n' seek with yellow shamrocks - okay, not your typical color for shamrocks, but this is our color and shape for the month. What fun we have on our color days!! This week, we made firefighter hats, assembled fire trucks out of fun shapes, and some of the classes had fun making a firefighter slide down a silver fire pole.

Just a reminder, to you parents. Please have a plan for your own family's fire safety. Figure out YOUR family's meeting place and be sure ALL of your children know the number to call for emergencies (not for pizza) - 911!! I LOVE Fire Safety Week - a lot of information for the children, but important information for EVERYONE.

And . . . DRUM ROLL, please!! Because the PRESCHOOL classrooms won the BOX TOP competition by a landslide last month, each and every one of our 43 preschool children were able to take home a book of THEIR choice this week!! A HUGE thank you to all of our families for supporting this beautiful effort and this fun competition! Thank you for supporting our school and preschool with Box Tops!! We sure couldn't have done this without ALL of you!! St. Matthew, as a whole, WINS big time!! THANK YOU SO MUCH!! WOOHOO!!! PRESCHOOL IS THE WINNER!!!

For the next 2 weeks, we will be reviewing Letters P - T. Please have your 4-year olds bring in a show 'n' tell item that begins with any of the Letters P, Q, R, S or T.

Have a fabulous weekend with your family!! Can't wait to see you next week for another fun and learning week!! God's Blessings!!

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 started the -op Word Family.
- New sight word: now, must, help
- In addition to their word family story, the Kindergarteners are also reading another story called "Help Me!" this story allows them to focus on reading with expression and noticing sentences with different types of punctuation. Please have your child read this story to you at home this weekend. It will be in their yellow folder.



First grade

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day. Don't forget to add your minutes to your Book it calendar.
- Reading books will be sent home tomorrow. Please listen to your child read and then sign their bookmark.
- Lightning Words due tomorrow, March 8.
- Spelling test tomorrow, March 8.
- There will not be any Lightning Words or a Spelling list in their yellow folder since we only have 2 days next week.

Memory Work for March 21:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Matthew 22:37

Word of the Week

Each week we have a new "Word of the Week". This week our word is collect. Below you will find a sentence and an illustration by Marie (K) and Mark (1st).

Art

This year we have been focusing on the elements of art. We just finished up texture by creating Texture Hearts. Make sure you take a look at the bulletin boards in the classroom. Tomorrow we will be focusing on a new element of art!

Mrs. Barton is back!

Mrs. Barton will be subbing for me this Friday, March 8. Please introduce yourself to her. When you pick up in the afternoon make sure she knows you are taking your child since she is not familiar with every family. Thank you!

2nd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Kelsey O' Haver (509.570.2023)

Can you believe how quickly the 3rd quarter is coming to a close? Only 3 more weeks to go - and one of the weeks only has 2 days! Time sure is flying. I know all of the kids are looking forward to the snow melting and some Spring weather to come! Speaking of Spring...just a heads up that I will be gone on April 8 and 9. Those are the two days that we have after Spring Break. I will still be on vacation! There will be a sub in the classroom for those days.

Wednesday of this week was our first Science Test. We wrapped up Investigation 1, which was all about The Sun. We begin Investigation 2 next week. It is called Planetary Systems. I will have a very important assignment being sent home next week Tuesday. Your child will need to be making a nightly observation of the night sky, specifically the moon. More details to come, but please be aware of this, since it is over our 5 day break.

3 and 4 grade have a Reading Test on Friday. We are wrapping up our novel, Because of Winn-Dixie. I am confident that they have loved it as much as I have! We will conclude next week by watching the movie and comparing it to the book.

Blessings on the rest of your week!

5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Next week is going to be a short week since St. Matthew will be hosting the spring teacher's conference. Spring teacher's conference means that spring is coming. The two things must go hand in hand. Well, not necessarily, but this is about the time of year where things start to get hectic again. Lent has started, softball will soon be starting, and we will soon be starting to practice for our spring play.

Here is next week's memory work: **Monday(3/11): 1 Peter 5:7; 1 Thessalonians 4:14,17; Job 1:21**

The 7-8th grade history class has dug deep into the aftermath of WWI and the Great Depression. The students looked up various Alphabet Soup programs that F.D.R came up with to help our country get out of its poor economic condition.

The 5-6th graders took their chapter seven history test this week. However, we were not able to take our unit test. This test will be pushed to Monday. The class worked hard on creating a script about the Pilgrims during the week.

Our study of heat got a little more in depth than originally planned. We dug deeper into looking at conduction, convection, and radiation this week. We also began looking at combustion engines. Your children are now true masters of the internal combustion engine. We will look at a four stroke engine model on Monday, and we will take a test on this Material next Tuesday. Your children were given their study guides this week.

Our next D.C. fundraiser will be on Wednesday the 27th. The children will be serving a spaghetti meal during the Lenten meal here at church. There was a note sent home with more information about this sent home.

I pray you all have a blessed weekend.

Weekly Message

Persistent Patience

What does an orchard owner do when there are no apples to gather at harvest time? Many growers in Michigan found out in 2012. Due to early warm March temperatures combined with several April freezes, much of the tree fruit crop was damaged that year. In a state that averages 25 million bushels of apples, only 3 million bushels were harvested. Some orchards suffered total loss.

Believers are privileged to be planted in the Lord's vineyard through the power of Holy Baptism. In that vineyard their faith grows and flourishes, bathed in the sunlight of the glorious gospel. The Lord tends to each individual tree with the greatest care. He feeds and cares for it with the continual shower of his grace.

Yet how cold and callous my sinful nature is toward the heavenly hands that care for me! Tempted by the deceptive warmth and comfort of worldly pleasures and chilled with despair while encountering life's troubles, I fall far short of producing the fruits of faith which the Lord ex-

pects of me. Even the good works that I do in service to him are tainted by the poison of my sin. For this I deserve only to be cut down and thrown into the eternal fire of hell.

However, Jesus cares for me with greatest patience. Mercifully, he still calls me to repent of my fruitless ways. Instead of cutting me down, he himself bore shame, disgrace and death on the tree of the cross in my place. He waits, and he waits in hopeful expectation of a fruitful harvest from me. And while he waits He still lovingly digs around me and fertilizes me with the full forgiveness he freely offers. His grace

ever encourages me to bear abundant fruits of faith to his glory.

Prayer:

Lord, I confess to you my fruitless, faithless ways. I trust in your forgiveness freely given through Jesus, my Savior from sin. Give me strength to live as a fruitful tree, blessed to be in your vineyard. Amen.

Then [Jesus] told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' " "Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.' "

Luke 13:6-9