

NEWS & NOTES

Monday, December 18, 2023

Trinity Lutheran School

Nicollet, MN



Upcoming Events

Dec. 22-Early Dismissal @ 12:50 pm
Dec. 24-3:30 pm Christmas Eve Children's Service
Dec. 25-Jan 2-NO TLS
Jan. 3—TLS begins
Jan. 5-Family night at Trinity
Jan. 15-NO School
Jan. 17-Live Social Studies Event

Upcoming Sports

Dec. 19-3-5 pm BB practice

Hot Lunch Menu : *Week of **Dec 18:** Monday, Turkey gravy Tuesday, Mac-n-cheese ; Wed, Hamburger/bun; Thurs., Swedish pizza; Fri., Hot dog/bun. All meals include milk.*

Breakfast Menu: *Monday, Strawberry popart, fruit cup; Tuesday, Cinnamon granola bar, applesauce; Wednesday, Lucky charms, fruit cup; Thursday, Apple granola bar, apple; Friday, Honey nut cheerios, fruit cup. All meals include milk.*

Chapel Invitation - There is always an open invitation for parents and family to come join us for chapel on Fridays. It is a great opportunity to hear some student's play piano, sing a hymn and hear a wonderful message from Pastor or Mr. Wasser.

Christmas Eve Service Practice - The classrooms are starting to practice their speaking parts along with the songs they will be signing for our Christmas Eve service. Please take the time at home to practice those parts so they can best use their gifts to glorify their Lord and share the good news that he is born! We will be having practices with the Sunday School kids this Saturday from 9 am to 10 am. If you cannot be there, please let your student's teacher know.

Christmas Eve Service Time Clarification - It was brought to Mr. Wasser's attention that on the calendar sent out, our Christmas Eve Service time is put down as 3 pm. **It is actually at 3:30 pm** as noted in current notices and publications.

Academic Fair Preparations - With forensics behind us, the next event the students will be working toward is the annual academic fair in January. This year we will be doing a living wax museum where each student will focus on a person from history and share their life with the parents. Look for more information from your child's teacher in the coming weeks.

Classroom Gift Exchange - Each classroom sent home letters for our annual gift exchange. Each student will have another student to buy a small gift for. This gives the students an opportunity to get to know them a little better and pay more attention to each classmate to see what they like (and dislike). If you have questions about this, contact your student's teacher.

Festive Fridays - Mr. Wasser forgot to put this in last week's newsletter but feel free to join in on the Festive Friday theme! You can wear an ugly sweater like Mr. Wasser or any other Holiday attire as we get closer to Christmas.

No News and Notes - There will not be any News and Notes for the week we come back (January 3-5). If there is anything that needs to be brought to attention, Mr. Wasser will be reaching out via email.

Wasser's Receive a Call - Mr. Wasser sent out an email last week sharing that both he and Mrs. Wasser have received a call to teach at St. John's Lutheran School in Lomira, Wisconsin. They would love to hear any thoughts you may have, one way or another. If they do decide to accept their call, there will not be any changes this school year.

Chapel Missions— MVL Building on the Rock Campaign will be our this fall's mission designation. Don't forget to bring your offerings to the Lord on Friday. \$316.94 has been collected so far.

Classroom Connections



Mr. Wasser's News

Upper Grade's Section

PREVIOUSLY IN THE UPPER GRADE CLASSROOM:

We have wrapped up our Reading books and the 5/6th graders are working on their project this week. It will need to be completed by Tuesday. I was hoping to get up to the cities this week to drop off the soda tabs. I will be scheduling something in January to drop them off, get a brief tour of one of their locations, as well as tour the Capital. Information will be sent out when we come back from break.

THIS WEEK IN THE UPPER GRADE CLASSROOM:

This is what we have coming up in some classes:

This week we are wrapping up chapters and units before Christmas Break.

As an added event to our Classroom Christmas party on Friday, we have a White Elephant Auction. The students have the opportunity to spend their money on items that you wrap and bring from home. If you have something at your house that you want out, feel free to bring it any time before December 22nd. This is always a blast as parents uniquely wrap and package the different items. If you have any questions, please let me know!

If you have any questions, please reach out right away! Have a good week!

3rd and 4th Grade Weekly News

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Dec. 18-22, 2023

Notes from Mrs. Biedenbender: It's hard to believe this is our last week of school in 2023! I pray you all have a blessed holiday season with your families! We enjoyed having Kayleigh as our "star of the week" this past week! Lyla is our star this week, right after her birthday!

Here are some important dates coming up:

Saturday Dec. 17 & 23: Christmas practice from 9am-10am, if you can!

Friday, Dec. 22: Our class Christmas party; early dismissal at 12:50.

Sunday, Dec. 24: Children's Christmas Eve service at 3:30 p.m. (please have your child meet in our classroom by 3:00); after the service, they will meet you in the Fireside room area.

Weds., Jan. 17: History fair: students dress up and talk about a person from history. Look for more information coming home in your child's folder on Monday!

Christ Light—Our stories this week are "*The Bronze Snake*" and "*Balaam*".

Reading—We will finish reading "*The Hundred Dresses*". This story has led to some good discussions about showing empathy and kindness to others.

Math—3rd grade will begin learning some multiplication facts, arrays, perimeter, and equal group stories. 4th grade will use models and pictures to compare fractions, rate word problems, and multiply 3-digit numbers.

English—We will review classifying and editing sentences.

Spelling—3rd grade spelling words have digraphs and blends; 4th grade words have silent and complex consonants. Our test will be on Thursday this week.

Science—We will finish up our "*The Circle of Life*" unit as we learn about pollination, fruit and flowers.

Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Classroom Learning Times 1 & 2

Teacher: Mrs. Joyce Lendt

Date: December 18, 2023

This Week We're Learning...

Word of God: Christ Light – Moses' Sin and the Bronze Snake/Balaam Blesses the Israelites

(Memory Treasures: Getting ready for the Christmas service)

Math: Graphs, Even/Odd, Time, Fact Families, Money Counting, Assessment

SuperKids Phonics: 1- Suffixes "ing"/"ed" rules

Reading 1: "A Helmet for Hot Rod," "Race Day"

Writing about Christmas Memories

Spelling List 1 for Wednesday:

baking, baked, smiling, smiled, oh, any, day, good, very, want

Shurley English 1: Subject Noun, Verb, Adverb,

Phy Ed- Teamwork with parachutes

History 1&2: Research for Choices for History Fair

Science: Christmas service practice and party 😊

Special HUGE THANK YOU to the ladies who helped our 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders with the "hot glue gun" to make the parent's Christmas gifts this year: Laurie Krohn, Shirley Krohn, Pam Magers, and Jenny Otto. Also a HUGE THANK YOU to Austin Krohn, who came in to be our "Crayon Cutter."



As we end the year of 2023, the children say, "Thank you, Parents, for giving us the privilege of a great education that is focused on Jesus and our Eternal Life in Heaven." **SCHOOL IS GREAT!** 😊

Merry "Christ"mas Everyone!



Everyone has a big smile, because it is GREAT to make Christmas presents for our parents! Exciting!!! Even the wrapping paper they designed for them is AWESOME!!! To God be the Glory!!! 😊

This Week: Look what else we are studying in 2nd Grade

Math: Continued practice on Double Digit Math, Money and Giving Change, Assessment

Super Kids Phonics: 2- Soft "g" /Hard "g" sounds

SuperKids Reading 2: "All Wet," "Baby Returns," "Embarrassed," "Wild Goose Chase!," "Good Advice"

SuperKids Writing 2: Research process for History Fair Characters – Very exciting!

Spelling List 2 for Wednesday:

city, circle, nice, space, pencil, excited, age, page, huge, large, giant, gentle

Shurley English 2: All Sentence Parts Review

Christmas is coming! We celebrate Christmas with a focus on the birth of JESUS! Thank you, GOD, for sending us your Son as our Savior from sin! 😊

Come and hear the message of salvation on Christmas Eve at 3:30. Invite everyone to come to the celebration! The King is born! Come and worship Him! SEE YOU BACK AT SCHOOL ON JANUARY 3rd

Mrs. Schmudlach's Kindergarten Room

Up, Up and Away!

Kindergarten News

December 18th, 2023

Christmas Eve: We will be having our last Christmas Eve practice on Saturday morning at 9:00 AM. We hope to see your child there. On Christmas Eve, children should arrive by 3:15 PM.

Here are some things we are learning:

Christ Light: The Bronze Snake. We are saved only through Jesus.

Social Studies: We have finished the Pilgrims! After Christmas break we will start exploring the 7 continents.

Math: We are still struggling with backwards numbers. The concept of time to the hour is really coming along! We are learning to use our listening skills to color certain numbers before or after another number.

Art: Winter scenes

Music: *Christmas carols and fun Christmas songs*

Reading: *After christmas we will start working on writing our addresses. Right now we are finishing the unit on Frits, our fishing superkid!*

The Kindergarten class was the winner of bringing in the most tabs for the aluminum drive! Nice work parents! We will celebrate this week by eating some treats that the children suggested: chocolate donuts, peanut butter cups, and rainbow candy canes.

Supporting Learning at Home: Have a blessed Christmas break! Keep children reading and writing over the holidays. Thanks for your support!

Events:

January 5th: Family Night at Trinity

January 15: No School

January 17: Live Social Studies event



PRESCHOOL NEWS.....DECEMBER 18-22, 2023

What We Are Learning:

Small Group: Our focus for this week will be on our 5 senses. We will explore each of our 5 senses by listening to different instruments, feeling different textures, smelling different spices, creating a tree, and talking about what things taste like.

Bible Story: Our Bible Story is about Jesus our Savior is born. In this story we are learning that Jesus loves us and came to earth to save us from sin. We believe that Jesus, true God and true man, is our Savior from sin. Therefore, we love Jesus most of all and thank him for being our Savior.

Bible verse: The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed "Jesus was born of the virgin Mary."

Music: We are learning our recitations and songs for our Christmas Service.

Movement: We will be moving our bodies to different Christmas songs.

If you have not sent in your child's gift for the gift exchange, please do so as soon as possible. Keep reading and record the books you have read to your child on the orange calendar. A calendar for January will be going home at the end of the week. There is an Early Dismissal at 12:50 on Friday with NO Aftercare. We will be meeting on Christmas Eve in the Preschool Classroom at 3:00. Please dress your child in church clothes. They will be sitting with me up in front during the service. You can get your child from the Fireside Room at the end of the service. Starting January 3-19 Miss Schneekloth and Miss Schroeder, Juniors from Martin Luther College, will join our classroom to observe and teach as part of their Clinical Experience. This year will be a little different as these two students will be here Monday- Friday for those two and a half weeks.

We practiced balancing our beanbag while moving and used Christmas cookie cutters with our play dough.

