

# GRACE GRAPEVINE

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*"We give thanks to you, O God."*

*Psalm 75:1*

The **Kindergarten** class has been busy getting ready for Graduation.

We are enjoying reading and making a book about The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

We are so thankful for the beautiful weather. We are thankful for our playground. We are thankful that our **Kindergarten** year was spent at G.C.S.

Mrs. Tibbitts  
Kindergarten

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*"My help comes from the Lord the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip, He who watches over you will not slumber."*

*Psalm 121:2-3*

This week in Bible class, **First Graders** learned how three Hebrew men (Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego) refused to worship King Nebuchadnezzar's huge, golden idol while in captivity in Babylon and were thrown into a fiery furnace for punishment. For their absolute trust in God, not only did He miraculously save them, but a fourth figure was seen in with them, which looked like "the Son of God". Our awesome God loves and protects us too!

In Science class, we had an experiment to show how heat moves air. Lit candle flames added heat to the air and made it rise, hitting a little fan, which turned an angel chime around.

For a Creative Writing assignment, **First Graders** wrote a Japanese Haiku poem, which are three unrhymed lines of five, seven and five syllables about butterflies. Here are some to enjoy:

### Butterflies

They are colorful,  
God painted them real pretty,  
And they make me smile.

By, **Paul Connolly**

### Beautiful

Butterflies fly high,  
Have colors like a rainbow,  
Beautiful like earth.

By, **Olivia Bourque**

### In Spring

Dark brown chrysalis,  
Bursting with magnificence,  
Graceful butterfly.

By, **Amy Uscinski**

### Butterflies

I love butterflies,  
Butterflies are so pretty,  
That's why I love them

By, **Sarah Litman**

### All About Butterflies

First from chrysalis,  
Then to a cute butterfly,  
Then stuck in my net.

By, **Mya Whitten**

Congratulations to this week's "Ravenous Readers", **Noloni Mendola** who finished her stamped card for book reports given, **Paul Connolly** who completed his second card and **Amy Uscinski** who finished her third card.

Mrs. Warren  
First Grade

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*"Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is Yours."*

*1 Chronicles 29:11*

This week in Bible, the **Second Graders** will learn about Jesus as King. We will study His first coming and the triumphal entry. Then we will look at His second coming and the new heaven and new earth. What an exciting plan God has for those who have received Him.

In Arithmetic, we continue to practice our Math facts. The **Second Graders** are really struggling with multiplication and division. Some practice at home would be helpful. In Writing, we will write about our favorite Bible stories.

In Health, we will study safety in the outdoors. We will see why mosquitoes are dangerous and learn to identify some poisonous plants. We will also learn some very basic first aid.

We are looking forward to the Fisher Cats game on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to turn in those permission slips.

Miss Ohlin  
Second Grade

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*"God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"*

*Hebrews 13:5c-6*

In **Third Grade** Bible this week, we talked about how Jesus is our best friend – He is our helper, our refuge, and He never leaves or forsakes us! Our earthly friends may disappoint us, but we can always count on Jesus!

The **Third Graders** finished an English unit about writing a biographical research report. We had some interesting reports about Sacajawea, Richard Nixon, James Garfield, Emily Dickinson & Eric Liddel.

In Math, the **Third Graders** are learning how to reduce fractions and to multiply multi-digit numbers! They are all improving on the speed drills that they do each day.

Mrs. Green  
Third Grade

*“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”  
1 Thessalonians 6:16-18*

This week in **Fourth Grade** Bible class, we continued learning about Christ’s triumphant return. We learned about the judgements of Christ – how He will judge believers and unbelievers separately. We want to be ready for Christ’s return so we can cast our crowns before Him!

In N.H. History, the **Fourth Graders** are busy learning about the structure of our state government. We learned that New Hampshire has the largest legislature of all the states!

In **Fourth Grade** Science, we are excited about our Oceanography unit. The **Fourth Graders** have been especially impressed by our study of sharks. We learned that sharks’ skeletons are made entirely of cartilage, not bone. We also learned that the biggest fish of all is the whale shark. The whale shark grows to sixty feet long and can weigh as much as fifteen tons! How would that be for the catch of the day!

Mrs. Carlson  
Fourth Grade

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*“See to it brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily as long as it is called today so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.”  
Hebrews 3:12-13*

In **Fifth/Sixth Grade** Bible this week, we studied how David was convicted of sin when Nathan, the prophet came to tell him a story about a rich man. We also learned that after his great sin, he was ready to confess to God and repent. God forgave David, but allowed him to deal with the consequences. We also realized that if we allow the Holy Spirit to lead us, he will convict us of our sin.

The **Sixth Graders** continue to learn new Math concepts. This week we learned how to construct angles within a circle and also to measure them using a compass and a protractor. The **Fifth Graders** are figuring areas of rectangles and squares.

The **Fifth and Sixth Graders** should now be reading a fictional book in preparation for their last written book report. This assignment is due May 29<sup>th</sup>, the last Friday of the month.

In the **Fifth Grade** History class, we’re beginning a chapter on the countries of Eastern Europe. In **Sixth Grade** History, we are learning about Mexico and Central America. Both classes are on pace to finish their books by the end of the year!

In the **Sixth Grade** Health class, we are learning about our body’s defenses. We will continue to learn more about exercise and nutrition. We are planning a healthy meal for next Thursday.

Thank you parents for the surprise gift basket and gift certificate on my birthday. It was truly appreciated.  
“Star Student of the Week”: **Molly Morin**

Mrs. Busch/Mrs. Whitney  
Fifth/Sixth Grade

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### **Pennies for the Post’s**

We will be making our final donation to Jason and Mandy Post, the missionaries we support in Galway, Ireland, this spring. Please send in your pennies or other donation by next Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. They really appreciate all our support!

### **On The Grapevine**

**CHAPEL:** You are invited to join us from 8:45-9:30 a.m. each Friday morning for Chapel. **Mrs. Busch** will lead Chapel with our music director, **Mrs. Zibby Robinson** leading the singing and **Mrs. Colette Hatch** as our piano player. Parents and friends are always welcome to attend!

5/22 Mrs. Robinson’s Students

5/29 Zion Bible College

6/5 Mrs. Whitney

6/12 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

**DO-THE-RIGHT-THING-COURT** *Congratulations* to those found “guilty” in court today.

**Paul Connolly** Gr. 1 **Sarah Litman** Gr. 1

**Felicia Walbridge** Gr. 1 **Jordan Yates** Gr. 3

**Ben Sontag** Gr. 5

### **Calendar of Events**

5/21 Kindergarten Graduation – 7:00 p.m.

5/25 **No School – Memorial Day**

5/28 G.C.S. @ Fisher Cats Game

5/29 Talent Show – 1:30 p.m.

6/3 Jeans-N-Sneaker Day

6/5 GCS Spelling Bee – 1:00 p.m.

6/10 Field Day (raindate 6/11)

6/17 ½ Day of School – noon dismissal

6/18 **Last Day – ½ Day** – noon dismissal



### **G.C.S. Auction**

**Tonight is our Auction with many exciting items to bid on. The viewing of items begins at 6:30 p.m. and the Auction at 7:00 p.m. We have a variety of gift certificates, get-aways, tickets to sports events, family fun gift packs, electric scooter, DS System and much more. We hope to see ya there! Thanks!!**



### **FIELD DAY REMINDERS**

**Our Field Day is coming fast (June 10<sup>th</sup>) and we really need all parents to fill out and send in their volunteer form. If you haven’t already done so, please send it in. It takes all parents helping out to make the day successful. This is a family event, so we are hoping many of you can make it. Any questions, please call the school office.**



### **Kindergarten Graduation**

The **Kindergarteners** are practicing for their Graduation and doing a great job! Please join us next Thursday evening, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for this special event and to congratulate them.

### **Spring Dress Code**

Our Spring Dress Code went into effect on today, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Students may wear Uniform Style Shorts to school on warm days. Girls may also wear gauchos during the Spring Dress Code time as long as they are solid colors and not tight fitting, but they are not allowed as Chapel dress on Fridays. Any questions, call the school office.