

# GRACE GRAPEVINE

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## Weekly Newsletter

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"My son, give me your heart."

*Proverbs 23:26*

In Phonics this week, **Kindergarteners** learned that vowels have 2 sounds they can make. We now know the long vowel sounds for A, E, I, O, and U. We are having fun marking our vowels. We also like to read in our reading books. Please review these at home on the weekends. The books are the student's to keep. Review them often, it will help them become better readers.

In Math, we are counting by 15's. This will help us as we learn to tell time. We hope next week is warmer so we can play in the snow!

Mrs. Tibbitts  
Kindergarten

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"In God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"  
*Psalm 56:11*

This week in Bible class, **First Graders** learned how the Israelites brought the Ark of the Covenant of God into battle against the Philistines, instead of praying and trusting God for help. Losing the battle and the Ark to the Philistines, God only gave victory through Samuel's prayers, and Samuel gave God back all the glory by setting up a stone memorial to Him.

In Science class we had a fun experiment identifying which objects were matter by whether or not they took up space in water. We found out that light and sound did not take up space and were energy.

To go along with our frigid weather, **First Graders** made perky penguins in Art and a "Flurry of Poems". Here are some to enjoy:

*Snowman, snowman,  
It is snowing,  
And the wind is blowing.  
Your hat and scarf will keep you warm,  
In this winter storm.  
By, Olivia Bourque*

*Snowman, snowman,  
I love you so.  
Snowman, snowman,  
I hate to see you go;  
Please melt slow.  
By, Paul Connolly*

*Snowman, snowman,  
What do you like about winter?  
I like my red scarf.  
It will keep me warm,  
Even in a big winter storm.  
By, Amy Uscinski*

*Snowman, snowman,  
In the snow,  
I hear jolliness,  
Ho, ho, ho,  
Off we go.  
By, Noloni Mendola*

*Snowman, snowman,  
I love you,  
In the spring  
You'll turn to goo.  
By, Felicia Walbridge*

*Snowman, snowman,  
I made you out of snow.  
I gave you a striped scarf and carrot nose.  
I hope the sun doesn't make you go.  
By, Sarah Litman*

*Snowman, snowman,  
You can't get a tan,  
But I can.  
By, Mya Whitten*

Congratulations to **Olivia Bourque**, this week's "Awesome Adder" who mastered her addition facts through the twelve's.

Mrs. Warren  
First Grade

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"... Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you..." *I Samuel 28:20*

This week in Bible, we will continue our study of servanthood in **Second Grade**. We will see how a little girl taken captive becomes God's servant to a Syrian captain. She helps him meet the One True God.

In Arithmetic, we continue to practice borrowing. In History, we start learning the states of the United States. Enjoy your long weekend!

Miss Ohlin  
Second Grade

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"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour."  
*Matthew 25:13*

In Bible, the **Third Graders** have been studying some of the parables about Jesus' return. We have been talking about how we can be watchful and ready for Him and how we can help others to be ready. They were impacted by a diagram of how quickly the number of Christians can multiply when they just tell two people about Christ and those two each tell two others and those four each tell two others...and it goes on and on for His kingdom!

In English, the **Third Graders** learned about the parts of a story and wrote creative stories of their own. We plan to "publish" our stories by putting them in an illustrated notebook for other students to read.

In Science, the **Third Graders** completed their study of vertebrates and what makes each classification of vertebrate unique. They had fun making a fish out of a square box of tissues.

Mrs. Green  
Third Grade

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"Only fear the Lord, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you."  
*I Samuel 12:24*

In **Fourth Grade** Bible class, we looked at how sin

separates us from God. No matter how much we try, we all have sinned and need God's forgiveness. We learned that we can become "new creations" in Christ and be clothed in His righteousness. How wonderful that we have a forgiving Father who sent us His Son so that we could be saved!

Here are some winter cinquains from the **Fourth Grade** girls!

<i>Snowflakes</i>	<i>Wintertime</i>
<i>Ice crystals</i>	<i>Frosty snow</i>
<i>Drift from sky</i>	<i>Falling on grass</i>
<i>Six sides of white</i>	<i>It looks so pretty</i>
<i>Frozen</i>	<i>Snow</i>
By, <b>Erin Savell</b>	By, <b>Katie Tibbitts</b>

*Alaska*  
*Very Snowy*  
*Has polar bears*  
*Cold and blizzard-like*  
*Winter*

By, **Emma Jennings**

Next week, the boys will share theirs with you! The **Fourth Grade** wishes you all a safe, long weekend. Stay warm!

Mrs. Carlson  
 Fourth Grade

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*"I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."*  
*Luke 15:7*

In Bible this week, the **Fifth/Sixth Graders** learned that God did not bless Israel the first time they went to take over Ai. Because of sin in the camp, some of the Israelites were killed. After getting rid of the sin (Achan & repentance) God let them easily take over Ai.

In **Sixth Grade** Language, the students will be demonstrating a project about which they wrote instructions. Each student has an assigned day and I am looking forward to observing their demonstrations. The **Fifth Graders** concluded their poetry unit and are now learning about reference materials. Some of their poetry is listed below.

In Math, the **Fifth Graders** are comparing decimals while the **Sixth Graders** are comparing percents.

In the **Fifth Grade** History class we are studying Modern Africa. In the **Sixth Grade** History class we are learning about the pioneers and the expansion into the western part of our country.

<i>My Birthday</i>	By, <b>Joseph Walbridge</b>
<i>Looks like my best friends coming in the door</i>	
<i>Sounds like laughter ringing in my ears</i>	
<i>Smells like steaming hot pancakes</i>	
<i>Tastes like delicious chocolate cake</i>	
<i>Feels like gift wrap, under my nervous hands</i>	

<i>Summer</i>	By, <b>Noah Taylor</b>
<i>Sounds like birds chirping</i>	
<i>Smells like roses and daisies</i>	
<i>Looks like people playing football in their yards</i>	
<i>Feels like sappy branches and warm air</i>	
<i>Tastes like ice cold lemonade</i>	

"Star student of the week": \* **Eric Moy** \*

Mrs. Busch/Mrs. Whitney  
 Fifth/Sixth Grade

## 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!

1/23 Kelly Tibbitts  
 1/30 Sharon Ohlin  
 2/6 ??  
 2/13 Pastor Mark Ballard  
 2/20 Pastor Mike Sacco

**DO-THE-RIGHT-THING-COURT** Congratulations to those found "guilty" in court today.  
**Eden Locke Gr. 2**

**SCHOOL CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS:** School closing and delays are announced on the following stations: *WMUR-TV Channel 9, WGIR-AM 610, WZID-FM 95.7, and WMLL-FM 96.5*

**NOTE: There is NO Kindergarten class when we have a "delayed Opening".**

## Calendar of Events

1/16 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
 1/19 **No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
 1/20 **No After School Club**  
 1/22 Report Cards home  
 1/27 After School Clubs begin for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
 2/4 Jeans-N-Sneaker Day  
 2/5 100<sup>th</sup> Day Celebrations  
 2/12 Valentine's Day Parties  
 2/16 **No School – President's Day**  
 2/20 Progress Reports Home  
 2/23-27 **No School – Winter Vacation**

**PARENTS TAKE NOTE!:** P.E. will be on Fridays during the weeks of the ski program in Jan./Feb. This will begin on Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to have your child wear their P.E. Uniform to school for the duration of the ski program on Fridays. **This includes all skiers and non-skiers.**



## G.C.S. Elementary Registration for 2009/2010

Re-registration packets for the 2009/2010 school year were sent home earlier this week for all students in Grades K-5. You will want to note that if you re-enroll before Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, the fee is \$100.00 and ensures priority for your child(ren) before we open registration to the public. When registration opens to the public on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, the Reg. fee will be \$150.00. Tell your friends and neighbors that registration for Kindergarten is also currently underway. For more information, please call the school office @424-2552.



## Winter Procedures



When we have snow...please observe the following:

- Boots should be worn when appropriate
- When wearing boots to school, students **must** bring shoes to wear in the classroom
- Hats, earmuffs, mittens or gloves, or a jacket with a hood must be worn
- When snow is on the ground, students may play in it at recess **ONLY IF** they have a snowsuit or ski pants & jacket **AND** boots!