

# GRACE GRAPEVINE

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*"Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy."  
Exodus 20:8*

The **Kindergarten** students did a great job on S.A.T.'s this week! I am so proud of them. We are all thankful for the nice weather for extra recess time.

We have been reading Dr. Seuss books all week. The **Kindergarten** class likes to read rhyming words. It has also been fun to work in our Science books. We are learning about the seashore. Next week we will study sea animals.

Mrs. Tibbitts  
Kindergarten

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*"Since, then you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God."*  
Colossians 3:1

This week in Bible class, **First Graders** learned the most important lesson from the Bible: that Jesus rose from the dead, is all-powerful and has power over death. Because Jesus paid for our sin by His sacrifice on the cross, we now have a living savior, a way of salvation and the promise of everlasting life.

We enjoyed our recent trip to Parker's Maple Barn in Mason where we learned the interesting legend of how the Iroquois Chief Woksis pulled his tomahawk out of a sugar maple tree and discovered maple sap. Using more senses is always better for learning, as we discovered when we enjoyed our delicious pancake breakfast. Thanks to our drivers and chaperones, **Mrs. Connolly, Mrs. Litman and Mrs. Uscinski.**

In Science class, we enjoyed a cartoon about good dental practices and received a tooth necklace to house any lost teeth. We learned the enamel on the crown is the hardest material in the body and plaque is created by food and bacteria mixing together to form acids that make holes in our teeth called cavities.

Congratulation to **Felicia Walbridge**, this week's "Ravenous Reader" who completed her stamped card for book reports given. We are all excited about next week's Spring Musical. It's another great one **Mrs. Robinson** has in store for us.

Mrs. Warren  
First Grade

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*"Who among the gods is like you O Lord? Who is like You – majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?"*  
Exodus 15:11

Congratulations to the **Second Graders** on the successful completion of your S.A.T.'s. You did really well.

In Bible this week, we will begin a new unit on Jesus the Messiah. We will see how He has power over creation when He

calms the storm and power in life when He raises Lazarus from the dead. What a great God we have!

In Arithmetic, we will begin to learn how to round numbers and estimate numbers. We continue to practice our addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts.

In Health, we will discuss communicable diseases and how to keep them from spreading. We will begin to discuss manners and courtesy. We will also discuss respect for our parents, others, and our country.

The children have been working hard on our Spring program. Our "runners" are very excited for you to see them race "Cross Country!"

Miss Ohlin  
Second Grade

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*"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."*  
Ephesians 4:29

Each morning the **Third Graders** read a devotion before starting the S.A.T. tests. One of them was about speaking kindly to others and how we cannot take back unkind words once they are spoken, just as you cannot put toothpaste back into the tube once it is out!

The **Third Graders** fared well with S.A.T.'s this week. The days seemed to fly by with the testing, music program practices, and a little extra recess time in our beautiful spring weather.

In Reading the **Third Graders** started a book called These Are My People, about Gladys Aylward, a missionary to China in the 1900's. She had a strong desire to be used by God in China while overcoming many obstacles.

The **Third Graders** completed a short exercise program in Health. Altogether they did 1225 toe touches, 761 push ups, 586 sit ups, 2431 jumping jacks, and 4247 jogging in place...and they had fun doing it!

Mrs. Green  
Third Grade

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*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*  
Matthew 28:19-20

In Bible class this week, the **Fourth Graders** used the beautiful analogy of the flowering dogwood as a reminder of the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The **Fourth Graders** also had fun celebrating Easter with a "Resurrection Party".

We have finished our American History textbook, and will spend the rest of the year studying N.H. State History. We are proud to live in a state that greatly values freedom. In Science, the **Fourth Graders** have begun their Astronomy Unit. They are excited to “consider the heavens” and to see how God set the planets in motion and every star in the sky. How great and mighty is our God!

The **Fourth Graders** did a great job working hard on their S.A.T.’s this week. Thank you to all our **Fourth Grade** families who made sure their student was well-rested, well-fed, well-prepared, and on time every day!

We have also been busy practicing for “Cross Country”, our spring program. This is a fantastic production that gives a wonderful Christian message. I urge all of you to bring family and friends to see your **Fourth Grader** in this outstanding program!

Mrs. Carlson  
Fourth Grade

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*“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.” John 10:27-28*

In Bible class this past week, the **Fifth/Sixth Graders** have learned how Saul was chosen as the first king of Israel. He fulfilled all the requirements of a Godly king as explained in Deuteronomy. Unfortunately, he disobeyed God as king and another king, David, the son of Jesse was anointed to succeed him. Was he obedient to the Lord?

In **Sixth Grade** Language, we worked on our historical fiction stories. The conflicts and plots are great, but most need more description in their settings. These are due on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. The **Fifth Graders** reviewed the different verb tenses this week.

In Math, the **Sixth Graders** have been computing areas of squares, rectangles, triangles and parallelograms. We are now using compasses to draw circles given the diameter or radius. Soon we will be figuring how to find the circumference and area of a circle. The **Fifth Graders** will begin a geometry unit next week!

After a week of testing the **Fifth and Sixth Graders** were “happy” to get back to their regular work! In the **Fifth Grade** History Class, we are learning about Western Europe. In the **Sixth Grade** History class, we are finishing up our study of the United States and next we will be moving on to a chapter on Mexico and Central America.

In **Sixth Grade** Health class we are continuing our study of first aid and what to do in case of emergencies.

Our S.A.T. testing week went well though they tire from sitting. We hope the extra recess time makes up for it.

Mrs. Busch/Mrs. Whitney  
Fifth/Sixth Grade

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### FIELD DAY REMINDERS

Our Field Day this year will be on Wed. June 10<sup>th</sup> (raindate June 11<sup>th</sup>). We need volunteers to help out in many areas to make it a fun day for everyone. Please be sure to see the note your child brought home earlier and send them back by Wed. May 6<sup>th</sup>.

### 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!

4/17 No Chapel –S.A.T. Testing

4/24 Rev. Alden Taylor

### Calendar of Events

4/23 Spring Program – 7:00 p.m.

4/27-5/1 Spring Vacation Break

5/6 Jeans-N-Sneaker Day

5/15 G.C.S. Auction

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

5/25 No School – Memorial Day

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



### *It's Spring! Looking to get some exercise?*

We are looking for someone to volunteer to do P.E. for Grades 2-4 on Thursday, May 7, 14, and 21. They meet together as one class at 2:00 p.m. If you can help out with this, please call the office ASAP.



### Spring Program

The children are very excited about this year’s Spring Program. We are doing “Cross Country” and rehearsals are well underway. The performance is on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. A nursery and refreshments will be provided.



### Attention: School Calendar Update

**Due to snow days this year, our last day will now be Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Both Wed. June 17<sup>th</sup> and Thurs. June 18<sup>th</sup> will be ½ days with dismissal at noon. Please be sure to adjust your calendar. Thanks!!**



### G.C.S. Auction

Don’t forget to reserve May 15<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. G.C.S. will be having their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Goods and Services Auction. The viewing of items will be at 6:30p.m. and the Auction will begin at 7:00p.m. It’s a fun event to invite friends and family to. If you would like to donate an item or service or know of a local business that would be interested, please contact the school office. Thanks!!

**TAKE NOTE:** If you have any baskets or containers at home that you are no longer in need of, please send them in and we will use them to package gift baskets at the auction.