

GRACE GRAPEVINE

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"Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies."
Psalm 34:13

This week in Bible class, the **Kindergarteners** began coloring their own Christmas book. We love to learn about the birth of Jesus.

In Phonics and Handwriting, the **Kindergarteners** are practicing their short vowel words. It is fun read! We are also reviewing telling time to the hour in Math.

Now that the snow has arrived, be sure to send in snow clothes, hats, boots and gloves.

Mrs. Tibbitts
Kindergarten

"God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'
Hebrews 13:5b

This week in Bible class, **First Graders** learned how Samson was given unusual strength by God to deliver the Israelites from the Philistines. Unlike Samson who was disobedient to God's rules and so lost his strength, we must submit ourselves to God and be obedient to His Word. We look forward to hearing the Christmas story next week.

It's official, now that we've enjoyed another wonderful Christmas program, we are ready for Christmas. Thanks to **Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Hatch** and our talented students and all who helped to make it a winning performance.

With Christmas on our minds, **First Graders** wrote some Christmas Memory Couplets. Here are some to enjoy:

My favorite Christmas memory,
Is when I got my dog Snowy.
By, **Noloni Mendola**

My favorite Christmas memory,
Is putting ornaments on my tree.
By, **Felicia Walbridge**

My favorite Christmas memory,
Is when we put up our tree.
We open up the presents under it,
And say Yipee!
By, **Sarah Litman**

My favorite Christmas memory,
Is sleeping under the lighted
Christmas tree.
By, **Paul Connolly**

My favorite Christmas memory,
Is going to Florida every other year,
Which is much warmer than here!
By, **Mya Whitten**

My favorite Christmas memory,
Is making a snowman.
By, **Amy Uscinski**

My favorite Christmas memory,
Is presents under the tree
Gifts Santa left just for me.
By, **Olivia Bourque**

Congratulations to **Sarah Litman**, this week's "Awesome Adder", for mastering her addition facts through the twelve's.

Thanks to **Mrs. Connolly, Mrs. Tenhave**, the **First Graders** and everyone who made my birthday party surprise so special. Thanks to **Mrs. Busch** for the yummy chocolate cake too. Blessing to you all!

Mrs. Warren
First Grade

"Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord."
Luke 2:11

This week in Bible, the **Second Graders** will continue to look at the true Christmas story. We will see the shepherds and wisemen and how they experienced Christmas.

In History, we will begin to look at what life was like for the pioneers. We will try to make decisions about what we would bring with us in our covered wagon if we were traveling across the country.

The kids did a marvelous job in "The Christmas Museum." Thank you for your hard work!

Miss Ohlin
Second Grade

"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David."
Luke 1:32

The **Third Graders** started a Bible unit about the angel Gabriel's announcement of the births of John the Baptist and Jesus after a silent period of 400 years when God did not speak to His people! The **Third Graders** are also learning the names of the Major Prophets.

In Heritage, the **Third Graders** studied about the Civil War and Robert E. Lee as commander of the Southern armies. This was hard for him because he loved the United States and he knew how horrible war is. Growing up, Lee longed to be like his hero George Washington.

This week during DEAR time I read The Gift of the Magi to the **Third Graders**. The **Third Graders** made tissue paper wreaths for a Christmas decoration. Wasn't the Christmas program last Friday night a blessing? All the children did a superb job! God was certainly glorified! Thank you, **Mrs. Robinson** and **Mrs. Hatch**, for all your hard work!

Mrs. Green
Third Grade



“For to us a Child is Born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace, there will be no end.”
Isaiah 9:6-7

The **Fourth Graders** finished their Bible Unit on the Holy Spirit. We are beginning our study of Advent. The **Fourth Graders** would like to share some Christmas Haikus with you:

Christmas Night by, Kellan Ferwerda

Baby Jesus came,
Shepherds watched their sheep-filled hills.

Wisemen followed stars. *Angels by, Emma Jennings*
Glory to Jesus

Christmas by, Erin Savell Angels sing to mighty King
Christmas is lovely Jesus, sing to Him.

It’s fun to play in the snow

Making snow angels. *Shepherds by, Alek Volante*
Shepherds see Jesus

Christmas Cookies by, Katie Tibbitts To worship Him happily
Christmas cookies, Yum. Carrying their lambs.

Gingerbread and Candy Canes

Taste ever so good.

At this advent time, the **Fourth Graders** prayer is that we always remember that Jesus is the Reason for the Season.

In Heritage, the **Fourth Graders** have finished their chapters on The Great Awakening and the French & Indian Wars. We will begin our study of the American War for Independence. In **Fourth Grade Math**, we are learning metric units of weight. Please help your **Fourth Grader** learn the metric prefixes: milli, centi, deci, deca, hector, and kilo.

Mrs. Carlson
Fourth Grade

“But be very careful to keep the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the Lord gave you; to love the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, to obey His commands, to hold fast to Him and to serve Him with all your heart and all your soul.”
Joshua 22:5

In Bible, the **Fifth/Sixth Graders** are examining how Joshua and Caleb were courageous to stand alone for what was right. We were encouraged to learn that they faced physical giants and that with God’s help, we also can face the giants of rejection, jealousy, anger, failure and loneliness.

In Language class, the **Fifth Graders** are beginning a poetry unit. Look for upcoming diamantes and sense poems. The **Sixth Graders** are learning how to find discounts in Math. Ask them to help you get the best deals when doing your Christmas shopping?

We have completed our Unit on The Treasures of the Earth in **Fifth Grade Science**. We are now learning about potential and kinetic energy in preparation for our study of engines.

The Nation/Canada Notebook Projects are done! Thank you to everyone who pitched in to help make the Tuesday night dinner a great success. Now only 13 days until Christmas!

“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!

12/19 Dr. Alan Tomlinson

1/9 Mr. Don Hatch

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

Acacia Locke	Gr. Kind	Eden Locke	Gr. 2
Emma Jennings	Gr. 4	Erin Savell	Gr. 4
Katie Tibbitts	Gr. 4	Emily Shaw	Gr. 5
Eric Moy	Gr. 6		

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

12/12 Progress Reports go home
12/23 Happy Birthday Jesus Parties
12/23 ½ Day of School – noon dismissal
12/24-1/2 No School – Christmas Vacation
1/7 Jeans-N-Sneaker Day
1/9 Ski program begins
1/16 End of Quarter
1/19 No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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 9th. 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.** If you have any questions, please call the school office.

G.C.S. Kindergarten Registration for 2009/2010

G.C.S. Kindergarten Registration for 2009/2010 is now open for members of our church and school families. If you have a child who will be five by 12/15/09 and are interested in registering, forms are available from Mrs. Lindsay in the office. Registration opens to the public on Monday, Jan. 5, 2009.



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!