

GRACE GRAPEVINE

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"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."
John 3:16

It has been a very busy week in **Kindergarten**. We have made gifts for our family and decorated our classroom. We learned a great song.

Get ready – for little baby Jesus.

The Angel told Mary

Get ready for the baby,

For little baby Jesus.

In Phonics, we learned the "V" and "Y" sounds and how to write all our numbers from 1-10. Thank you to all the parents who gave us a wonderful lunch together for Christmas.

Mrs. Tibbitts
Kindergarten

"For God so loved that world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes I Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."
John 3:16

This week in Bible class, **First Graders** learned that God used an angel to announce Jesus' birth to lowly shepherds first, not to the king, the rich, or the proud. Just as angels I heaven rejoiced and sang praise at Jesus' birth, they also break forth in praise each time one person accepts God's gift of Salvation.

In Phonics, we learned the main part of a word is the "root word" to which you may add endings or suffixes.

A very BIG thank you to **Mrs. Tenhave** for filling in for **Mrs. Warren** who has been out sick all week. We pray she is better very soon and that her power is back on soon as well. **Mrs. Tenhave** has really enjoyed being able to help out and teach the children.

We are looking forward to our "Happy Birthday Jesus" party next week. Thank you in advance to all the parents for supplying the goodies and organizing the party. Thanks also to all the parents who provided the teachers with a wonderful luncheon today. Everything was scrumptious! Merry Christmas and may God bless you in the New Year!

Mrs. Warren
First Grade

"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because He has come and has redeemed His people."

Luke 1:68

We do praise God for sending His Son to redeem us. The **Second Graders** have been talking about our redemption and the price Jesus paid to buy us back from the power of sin. We say,

"Thank you for coming, Lord Jesus. Happy Birthday!"

The **Second Graders** have also enjoyed studying the frontier days of our nation. We will learn what it was like to travel across country in a wagon train. We will see how the cowboys lived in the old west.

We are looking forward to our "Happy Birthday, Jesus" party next week. Thank you to all who will supply party goods.

Miss Ohlin
Second Grade

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."
Micah 5:2

The **Third Graders'** Bible verse in Micah was a prophecy of the Messiah's birth 700 years before He was born! As fully man, Jesus Christ came to earth as a helpless baby, and as the one true God, He is all-powerful and everlasting! Hallelujah!

In Arithmetic, the **Third Graders** started learning the 7 multiplication facts, measures of weight, and how many feet and yards are in a mile. The **Third Graders** are improving their speed in doing problems in timed drills each day.

This week the **Third Graders** had fun making a Christmas reindeer decoration out of dog biscuits! The **Third Graders** are looking forward to their "Happy Birthday Jesus" party and gift exchange. A big thanks in advance to **Mrs. Tibbitts** and **Mrs. Caron** for all their efforts to create a memorable party for the **Third Graders!** I wish each and every one of you a wonderful Christmas and many blessings in the New Year!

Mrs. Green
Third Grade

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

Luke 2:11

In Bible class this week, the **Fourth Graders** are continuing to study the wonderful story of the birth of Jesus as recorded in Matthew & Luke. We watched a Focus on the Family movie "The True Story of Christmas". The **Fourth Graders** enjoyed seeing the actual scenery of Israel presented in the movie. The movie compared the earthly power and glory of Herod to Jesus' humble birth & life. How amazing that Herod, called "King of the Jews", has nothing but ruins left of his kingdom; yet Jesus, who had no palace, and no riches, has a kingdom without end!

The **Fourth Graders** would like to share more of their Christmas Haiku's with you.

Christmas by, Jordan Park
Jingle Bells and snow
Setting up a Christmas tree
Eating candy canes

"Jesus" by, Erin Savell
Mary and Joseph
Jesus was born on Christmas
Living happily

The Star by, Alek Volante
Bright Star of David
Three Wisemen following far
Bring gifts to Jesus

"Wise Men" by, Jordan Park
People came from East
Worshipping the Holy King
Believe Jesus now

My Lord Jesus by, Katie Tibbitts
Lived in a stable
Mary, Joseph, and Jesus
Had a Holy life

We are looking forward to our Birthday Party for Jesus! Many thanks to **Mrs. Tibbitts & Mrs. Caron** for organizing our **Third/Fourth Grade** combined party!

The **Fourth Graders** wish you all a very safe, happy and merry celebration of the birth of our Lord; and in the words of Tiny Tim, "God bless us, everyone."

Mrs. Carlson
Fourth Grade

"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."
Luke 2:10

In Bible, the **Fifth/Sixth Graders** continue to study about how Joshua and Caleb were men of obedience and courage. We have also been discussing how amazing it was that God, a divine supernatural being, actually was born in a lowly stable because He has so much love for us.

In Language, the **Sixth Grade** students are completing a unit on verbs. After vacation, they will learn how to write instructions for a simple project that they create. Look for a letter concerning this before Christmas break. In **Fifth Grade** language, we have been writing diamantes (contrasting poems) and sense poems. Look for some of our poems in this grapevine and in future publications.

In the **Fifth Grade** History class, we are continuing our study of Africa and in the **Sixth Grade** class we are learning about George Washington. In the **Sixth Grade** Science class, we are studying astronomy. Have a Merry Christmas and remember the reason for the season. See you next year!!

"Star student of the week": ***Sam Mendola***

Peace
gentle, joyous
loving, caring, talking
friend, school, field hospital, medic
dying, bleeding, running
bloody, scary
War

Mrs. Busch/Mrs. Whitney
Fifth/Sixth Grade

Pennies for the Post's

Thanks to all who brought in their "Pennies for the Post's". We sent them a Christmas gift of \$93.00 that I'm sure will be a blessing to them. Thanks again and continue to bring in your pennies throughout the year.

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

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

12/23 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.

Thank you, Thank you!!

Thank you so much for the wonderful teachers luncheon today. We always enjoy this fellowship time together. Our parents are a real blessing to us. Special thanks to Mrs. Moy, Mrs. Marineau, Mrs. Sontag, Mrs. Menczywor, Mrs. Connolly and Mrs. Bourque and anyone else who helped to coordinate and provide the food.

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!