

GRACE GRAPEVINE

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*"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good."
Psalm 118:1*

In Bible class this week, the **Kindergarteners** learned that an angel told Mary that she would be the mother of Jesus. Wow! It is so fun to learn about the birth of Christ. We are making Christmas crafts everyday.

Thank you **Mrs. Robinson** and **Mrs. Hatch** for all of your work on the Christmas program. We loved singing about the Son of God.

Mrs. Tibbitts
Kindergarten

*"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."
1 John 1:9*

This week in Bible class, **First Graders** learned how the Israelites forgot their promise to stay separated from God's enemies when they crossed the Jordan River into Canaan. However, when they confessed their sin and turned back to God, He blessed them and sent a judge to deliver them from the Moabites.

In Language, we learned the main part of a word is the "root word" to which you may add endings called suffixes. In Science class, we learned the root is the main part of the plant which supplies food and without which the plant cannot survive. We had fun acting out the three parts of a plant – leaf, stem and root. We saw how each part is needed for survival.

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!" **First Graders** are decorating our walls and halls as the countdown begins. Here are some delightful Christmas poems they have written:

The gift that truly pleases,
Is the Lord's love.
A wonderful gift,
Sent from Heaven above.
By, **Olivia Bourque**

The gift that truly pleases,
God on Christmas Day.
Is when I praise Him and pray.
By, **Sarah Litman**

The gift that truly pleases,
Is my brother and my friends,
And my Mother and Dad,
All that stuff makes me glad.
By, **Mya Whitten**

The gift that truly pleases,
Is a gift of great joy.
The wonderful gift of Jesus,
For every girl and boy.
By, **Amy Uscinski**

The gift that truly pleases,
Is the gift of love.
It comes down for heaven,
From our Lord above.
By, **Noloni Mendola**

The gift that truly pleases us,
Is Jesus dying on the cross.
It took away all our sin.
It let us go to heaven.
By, **Felicia Walbridge**

The gift that truly pleases,
Has love with lots of hugs and squeezes.
God's gifts are the best,
Better than all the rest.
By, **Paul Connolly**

Mrs. Warren
First Grade

*"For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given...and He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
Isaiah 9:6*

We will begin our Christmas lessons this week in **Second Grade** Bible. We begin with a look at why the Saviour had to come. We will also look at the life of John Calvin.

In Arithmetic, we continue to practice carrying and adding large numbers. We will also learn to tell time to five minutes. In History, we continue to look at Colonial life. The boys enjoyed making shields and spears. The girls loved weaving small mats.

Congratulations to our Book-It achievers: **Lydia Jennings, Emily LaValley, John Marineau, and Caroline Scott.**

Thank you to **Mrs. Robinson** for all her work on the Christmas program. Everyone did a great job!

Miss Ohlin
Second Grade

*"Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves."
Luke 10:3*

This week in Bible, the **Third Graders** have been looking at what it means to be a messenger for God, and how they can each be His messenger while also being a "good Samaritan". Each day in December, the Third Graders are putting up a "Chrismon" on a Christmas tree in our classroom. Chrismons are hand-made decorations, each one representing a different name for Jesus with an accompanying Bible verse. It is a fresh, unique way of celebrating the advent season.

In Math the **Third Graders** have now mastered long division of a one-digit number into a four-digit number. Good job, **Third Graders!** They are now working on solving equations.

The **Third Graders** and all the other classes did a great job in the rehearsals this week for the Christmas program. It always touches my heart to see the children sing about our great God! I am sure they will all shine for you at the program Friday night!

Happy Birthday, **Martin Lyons**, on December 5th!

Mrs. Green
Third Grade

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."
Psalm 136:1

This week in Bible, the **Fourth Graders** learned how the Holy Spirit empowers our lives. With the Holy Spirit in us, we have the power to resist sin, the power to tell others about Christ, and the power to hear God's still, small voice! Next week we will look at how the Holy Spirit can enlighten us.

In **Fourth Grade** History, we are beginning our chapter on the Great Awakening. What a privilege to learn about these great men of God and how they helped shape our nation! In English, the **Fourth Graders** are learning how to write a compare/contrast essay.

In Science, we are beginning our weather unit. Let's hope we have great weather this winter. I know many of you are looking forward to sunny days with lots of snow for skiing. The **Fourth Grade** is looking forward to a great Christmas program! We hope all your families will be able to join us!

Mrs. Carlson
Fourth Grade

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love."

1 Cor. 16:13-14

In Bible this week, the **Fifth/Sixth Graders** continue to learn about how God used Moses to lead the Israelites in the desert. We learned how the Day of Atonement that was observed then, foreshadowed Christ as the atonement for our sins.

We should now be reading an approved biography for Reading class. The students should have a hand out of their guidelines to write a report due on December 22nd.

The **Fifth and Sixth Graders** will be celebrating the completion of their Notebook Projects with a dinner next Tuesday. We will be enjoying food from the areas that have been studied and there will be time to view everyone's project. If you have not RSVP'd, please do so as soon as possible so we are set up for the right number of people.

The **Fifth/Sixth Grade** Christmas party will be held on December 23rd. We are asking the children to purchase a \$5.00 gift for another student. Please send the gifts in by December 21st.

Thank you so much to **Mrs. LaValley** and all the students and parents for my birthday celebration. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

"Star student of the week": ***Ben Sontag***

Mrs. Busch/Mrs. Whitney
Fifth/Sixth Grade

Hannaford Helps Receipts

The Hannaford Helps promotion ended yesterday, Dec. 4th. Please be sure to send in any receipts you have at home by next Wed. Dec. 10th. Thanks!



Birthday Book

Thank you to **Paul Connolly** for donating the book "A Story of Three Trees- and the Miracle of Prayer" in honor of his birthday on Nov. 26th. It will be enjoyed by the **First Graders** and then available in the library. Thanks!

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!

12/12 Christmas Sing-A-Long/Mrs. Robinson's students

12/19 Dr. Alan Tomlinson

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

12/5 G.C.S. Christmas Program, 7:00 pm

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.

November Book-It Awards

The following students completed their reading goal for the month of November. *Congratulations to all!*

Kindergarten: Naomi Menczywor **First Grade:** Paul Connolly, Sarah Litman, Noloni Mendola, Amy Uscinski, Felicia Walbridge, Mya Whitten **Second Grade:** Lydia Jennings, Emily LaValley, John Marineau, Caroline Scott **Third Grade:** Laura Caron, Josh Litman, Jordan Yates **Fourth Grade:** Kellan Ferwerda, Emma Jennings, Jordan Park, Erin Savell, Katie Tibbits, Alek Volante **Fifth Grade:** Sam Mendola, Benjamin Sontag, Joseph Walbridge **Sixth Grade:** Austin Buda, Jacob Buda, Meagan Buda, Kristopher Marineau, Molly Morin, Wesley Perrier



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!