

GRACE GRAPEVINE

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"Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God."
Psalm 147:1

We had a busy week in **Kindergarten**. We discovered that the groundhog saw its shadow, so we will have 6 more weeks of winter. On Wednesday we wore our jeans and sneakers.

Breanna Valade brought us a yummy donut hole treat. On Thursday, we celebrated the first 100 days of the 2008-2009 school year. We made a necklace of cereal, painted 100 hearts and got 100 stickers.

In Bible we are now studying about the life of Jesus. We are looking forward to our Valentine Party on Friday, February 13th.

Mrs. Tibbitts
Kindergarten

"For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways."
Psalm 91:11

This week in Bible class, **First Graders** learned how Samuel thought Jesse's oldest, handsome son was God's choice for Israel's second king. But, God was looking at the heart and chose David for the big job, because he had been faithful in the little job, as a shepherd boy.

We celebrated our "100th Day" with much celebration. **First Graders** made 100-bead necklaces, colored 100 ants in a pattern, made a 100-chart and found nine palindromes on it (numbers that are the same backward and forward). We especially enjoyed making butterscotch brownies with 100 chocolate chips in it. It went well with ice-cream. We also saw the movie "One Hundred and One Dalmatians".

In Heritage class, we discovered how Squanto was the last survivor of the Patuxet people who lived in wigwams near Plymouth, MA, not in teepees, as the Sioux out west. We made models of wigwams which resemble upside down bowls.

Congratulations to **Paul Connolly**, this week's "Awesome Adder" who mastered his addition facts through the twelve's. Also, congratulations to **Amy Uscinski**, this week's "Ravenous Reader" who was the first one to complete two stamped cards for book reports given. Keep up the great work!

We welcomed February with our groundhog pop-up puppets and enjoyed hearing the story of Punxsutawney Phil "The Fearless Forecaster". We look forward to our Valentine's party next week.

Mrs. Warren
First Grade

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you."
Deuteronomy 31:6

The **Second Graders** continue their look at courage with a study of Daniel and his friends. They really needed to remember our memory verse as they faced the king. We also will continue our novel, A Question of Yams. Kuri overhears plans to hurt his father because of his belief in the one true God. Kuri sees the great power of God after a scary encounter with a snake.

In Arithmetic, we continue to practice borrowing and we learn a little more about multiplication. In History, we will learn some of the patriotic songs of our past.

Congratulations to **John Marineau** and **Lydia Jennings** for completing their January Book-It reading.

Thank you to **Mrs. Marineau** and **Mrs. LaValley** for driving us to our "100th Day" Swimming Celebration! Thank you to **Mrs. Green** for organizing our trip. We had a terrific time!

Miss Ohlin
Second Grade

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'"
John 14:6

In Bible this week the **Third Graders** did some fun rebus sentences that gave names of Jesus. They also read the story of Nicodemus, the Pharisee, and discussed how when they accept Jesus into their hearts, they have a second birth – a spiritual birth. They have two birthdays to celebrate!

The **Third Graders** made stick snowmen to hang on a doorknob and decorate their homes for the winter season.

The "100th Day" Celebration was a fun day doing a few special activities. The **Third Graders** even managed to get some of their regular work done in the morning! In the afternoon the **Third Graders** had a splashing good time swimming at the YMCA! They enjoyed going with the **Second and Fourth Graders** too! Thank you, **Mrs. Caron** and **Mrs. Litman**, for driving!

Mrs. Green
Third Grade

“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.” I John 1:7

This week in **Fourth Grade** Bible class, we looked at the effects of sin. We learned that sin separates us from God, but that we can be reunited with Him by asking forgiveness. We looked at the story of David and saw that even after sinning, God saw David’s repentant heart and forgave him.

In **Fourth Grade** History, we are finishing up our study of the westward expansion of the U.S. The **Fourth Graders** were especially interested in the story of the Alamo – how 187 brave men died defending their freedom!

In **Fourth Grade** Math, we are continuing to work with fractions, double-digit division and multiplication of three-digit numbers. The **Fourth Graders** need to be proficient in all their math facts in order to complete these more complex problems in a timely manner. Please take the time to review all basic math facts with your **Fourth Grader**.

In English, we are finishing up our book reviews and our study of pronouns. We will be looking at more complex and irregular verb forms for our next grammar component in English. The **Fourth Graders** will have the opportunity to stretch their imaginations in our next writing unit – Tall Tales!

Thank you to **Mrs. Savell** and **Mrs. Volante** for driving to the “Y” for our “100th Day” Swimming Celebration! We appreciate all our parents who give their time to make our field trips possible.

Mrs. Carlson
Fourth Grade

“Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said ‘never will I leave you; never will I forsake you’ so we say with confidence, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?’”
Hebrews 13:5-6

What a week! With skiing and the celebration of the 100th Day of School, we had some fun activities at school.

In Bible class, we learned about how Deborah encouraged Barak to lead 10,000 men into battle for the Lord. When Israel repented God raised a judge to lead them to victory.

In **Sixth Grade** Math, we have completed our unit on percentages. We are now studying different types of graphs. The **Fifth Graders** are working with decimals.

In Reading, we are listening to, reading and critiquing plays or short skits. We will also be writing a short report on a non-fiction book in the next month.

In the **Fifth Grade** History class, we have been learning about Greece and Rome. The kids enjoyed watching some humorous videos about ancient Rome. In the **Sixth Grade** History class, we are studying the period around the Civil War. In the **Sixth Grade** Science class we are continuing our chapter on Space and the kids are looking forward to going to the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium next Tuesday. We plan to view “The Dawn of the Space Age”. We will also have the opportunity to interact with the exhibits.

A special thanks to everyone who sent things in for the 100th Day of School Celebration. The kids had lots of fun.

Valentine’s Day parties will be held next Thursday!
“Star student of the week”: * **Kristopher Marineau** *

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!

2/13 Pastor Mark Ballard
2/20 Pastor Mike Sacco
3/6 Kathy DeFilippo
3/13 Pastor John Ritter
3/20 Cindy Morin

Calendar of Events

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
3/4 Jeans-N-Sneaker Day

PARENTS TAKE NOTE!: P.E. will be on Fridays during the weeks of the ski program in Jan./Feb. *This includes all skiers and non-skiers.*

Book-It Awards

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

Kindergarten: Sammie Duhon, Naomi Menczywor
First Grade: Paul Connolly, Sarah Litman, Amy Uscinski, Felicia Walbridge, Mya Whitten
Second Grade: John Marineau, Lydia Jennings
Third Grade: Joshua Litman, Laura Caron, Jordan Yates
Fourth Grade: Kellan Ferwerda, Emma Jennings, Jordan Park, Erin Savell, Katie Tibbitts, Alek Volante
Fifth Grade: Samuel Mendola, Emily Shaw, Ben Sontag, Joseph Walbridge
Sixth Grade: Austin Buda, Becca LaValley, Kristopher Marineau, Molly Morin, Wesley Perrier

Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels

Please round up any **Box Tops for Education** and **Campbell Soup Labels** you have and send them in by **Wednesday, Feb. 18th**. We will be sending them in during vacation. Keep saving for the next collection. Thanks for your continued support.



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

Registration is now open to the public and the Reg. fee is \$150.00 for Grades 1-6. Tell your friends and neighbors that registration for Kindergarten is also currently underway and the Reg. fee is \$100.00. 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!