

GRACE GRAPEVINE

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"My son, give me your heart."

Proverbs 23:26

We are trying to catch up in **Kindergarten** after another snow day. These students work very hard! We now can read words with long vowel sounds like bike, tree and read.

In Science, we are continuing to study animals and their homes. In Math, we are learning to measure with a ruler.

Our Friday craft was to make a ground hog. We love the snow, but hope it is an early spring.

Happy Birthday to **Jaden Khakeo** (Jan. 29th).

Mrs. Tibbitts
Kindergarten

"Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

James 4:7

This week in Bible class, **First Graders** learned that Saul, Israel's first king, was used by God when he was young. However, when Saul let wrong thoughts enter his mind and did not follow God's ways, this led to sin and God removed His blessing from Saul.

In Science, we had an interesting water and balloon experiment showing that like solids and liquids, air is also matter. Displacing the water from an inverted glass within a bowl, the deflating balloon showed how air takes up space.

If you come visit our halls, you will see decorating our walls, some **First Grade** "Poems That Will Warm Your Heart". We have them hanging up to dry on mittens over a hearth. Here are some samples to enjoy:

*I think I'll build a snowman,
I'll make him round and fat.
I'll give him sticks for arms;
On top, a silly hat!
By, Mya Whitten*

*My sled is fast
I am never last.
Sledding down a hill,
Gives me a thrill.
By, Paul Connolly*

*Winter has come to town,
Sparkling icicles hanging down;
Some on roofs, some on trees,
What a wonderful winter freeze!
By, Noloni Mendola*

*The snow is fluffy and white
I can't wait to go out and play.
Maybe if it snows all night,
Tomorrow will be a snow day!
By, Olivia Bourque*

*I go to school almost every day,
Then I go outside to play.
By, Felicia Walbridge*

*I made a snowman,
He was big and tall
The sun came out
And made him small.*

*I go outside and when I look down,
I see the snow up to my knees.
May I come in for hot cocoa please?
By, Sarah Litman*

By, Amy Uscinski

Congratulations to **Mya Whitten**, this week's "Awesome Adder" who mastered her addition facts through the twelve's.

Mrs. Warren
First Grade

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."

Romans 8:28

In Bible this week, the **Second Graders** will start a new unit on courage. We begin our study with a look at Esther and the great courage she showed on behalf of her people. We will also begin reading the story, A Question of Yams. The story takes place in Papua, New Guinea. Kuri's father believes the Christian missionaries and begins to pray to the One True God as he plants his yams. But hard times come and everyone blames Kuri's family. This is an exciting story of courage.

In Arithmetic, we begin adding larger and larger numbers. We will also look at multiplication and measuring in centimeters.

We had a great time at the Amoskeag Fishways learning about reptiles and amphibians. Thank you **Mrs. Green** for planning the trip and inviting us. Thank you, **Mrs. Marineau, Mrs. LaValley and Mrs. Scott** for driving.

Miss Ohlin
Second Grade

"Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me will never go hungry, and he who believes in Me will never be thirsty'."

John 6:35

In Bible this week the **Third Graders** have been learning that Jesus is the "Bread of Life" and He provides for our spiritual hunger. Jesus called himself the "Bread of Life" because believing in Him is necessary for eternal life in heaven.

In English the **Third Graders** are learning about pronouns. They have studied the difference between subject pronouns, object pronouns, and possessive ones too. They had some fun making up silly sentences to practice the correct use of the different pronouns.

What a good time the **Third Graders** had on their field trip along with **Second Grade** to Amoskeag Fishways! They took a class about reptiles and amphibians and met some live creatures. They also pretended to be fish on a fish ladder and put on puppet shows for each other with the fish puppets! Thank you second grade parents, **Mrs. Marineau and Mrs. Scott**, for driving the **Third Graders!**

Mrs. Green
Third Grade

*"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, the **Fourth Graders** looked at the origin of sin. We read the story of Adam and Eve eating from the Tree of Knowledge, and being cast out of the Garden of Eden. The **Fourth Graders** learned that "I" is in the center of sin, and that God must be our center.

The 100th Day of School is next Thursday! The **Fourth Grade** is looking forward to swimming at the "Y" in Goffstown for our 100th Day celebration.

Mrs. Carlson
Fourth Grade

"Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Galatians 6:1-2

In **Fifth/Sixth Grade** Bible this week, we learned about God's grace and man's repentance. We learned about how God is ready to extend his arms to us as he did with the prodigal son. We also learned how God raised up judges to deliver Israel from their enemies. Today, God raises up Christians to help us and others become closer to Him.

In Language classes, we are reviewing the use of dictionaries, encyclopedias and periodicals. The **Fifth Graders** will soon write a narrative.

In the **Fifth Grade** History class, we finished studying Modern Africa and are moving on to a study of Europe. They are very happy to have their review test behind them!! In the **Sixth Grade** History class, we are finishing our chapter about the pioneers and the expansion into the western part of our country and moving on to a study of the Civil War. In **Sixth Grade** Science class, we are continuing our chapter on Space.

We plan to visit the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium on the 10th of February. Please send those permission slips and fees soon.

Here is a seasonal diamante:

Fire
Toasty, warm
Burning, melting, killing
Light, flame, frost, Antarctica
Freezing, cooling, soothing,
Cold, chilly
Ice
By, **Sam Mendola**

"Star student of the week": * **Molly Morin** *

Mrs. Busch/Mrs. Whitney
Fifth/Sixth Grade

100th Day of School

Next Thursday, we will be celebrating our 100th Day of School. We would love to have everyone bring in the equivalent of 100 pennies for the "Pennies for the Post's, our missionaries in Ireland. They really appreciate receiving our gift to them several times a 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!

2/6 ??
2/13 Pastor Mark Ballard
2/20 Pastor Mike Sacco

DO-THE-RIGHT-THING-COURT Congratulations to those found "guilty" in court today.

Jacob Buda Gr. 6

Calendar of Events

2/4 Jeans-N-Sneaker Day
2/5 100th Day Celebrations
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**

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.*

Are You Interested In The Future Of G.C.S.?

Next Tuesday, Feb. 3rd the School Board will be meeting with Alan Graustein from ACSI to talk about what other schools have done when facing a similar situation as G.C.S. We welcome all parents to come out at 7:00pm and be part of the future of Grace Christian School. We look forward to seeing you there.



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!