

# GRACE GRAPEVINE

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## Weekly Newsletter

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*"Turn to me and you will be saved."*

*Isaiah 45:22*

We had a short week in **Kindergarten** with 2 snow days, but we were able to jump back in and do our school work.

**Kindergarten** is now adding reading time to our phonics class. Look for a new book to come home each Friday. It is yours to keep! Review them at home to help your child become a better reader.

We will fill our class with snowmen and mittens. We are also excited for our new Science unit. We will learn about animals. Happy 2009!

Happy Birthday **Sammie Duhon!**

Mrs. Tibbitts  
Kindergarten

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*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come."*

*II Corinthians 5:17*

This week in Bible class, as we welcomed in the New Year, **First Graders** learned how Ruth began a new life by leaving her pagan family to follow Naomi, her mother-in-law, to Bethlehem from Moab. Just as Ruth gave up all to serve God, we too should give up our sinful nature to serve Christ.

In Science class, we had fun identifying whether certain vegetables were leaf, stem or root vegetables. Using more senses is always better for learning; so we ended our lesson with a salad party. Thanks to all parents for contributing and **Mrs. Tenhave** for helping.

**First Graders** have come back from Christmas vacation fully charged and ready to take on the New Year. They are enjoying all the snow outside and snowman decorations inside.

Congratulations to **Paul Connolly** and **Mya Whitten**, recent "Ravenous Readers" who finished a stamped card for book reports given. Congratulations, also to **Sarah Litman**, our first "Super Subtractor" who mastered her subtraction facts through the twelve's.

Mrs. Warren  
First Grade

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*"But be sure to fear the Lord and serve Him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things He has done for you."*

*I Samuel 12:24*

It's time to put away those Christmas decorations and get back to work. In Bible this week, we will look at the wonderful

friendship between Jonathan and David. We continue building on our theme of service to God and others.

In Arithmetic, we continue to practice borrowing. It is a difficult concept, but we will persevere.

In History, we finish our unit on the Old West and begin a look at how immigrants made the United States a great melting pot.

Congratulations to **Ethan Savell** and **John Marineau** for completing their December Book-It.

Miss Ohlin  
Second Grade

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*"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."*

*Matthew 5:16*

Happy New Year from the **Third Grade** class! Monday morning we started the day by sharing with each other about our Christmas vacation to help us ease back into school. Thank you all for the Chen Yang Li gift card. My family and I had dinner there during the break and it was a wonderful treat!

In Bible, the **Third Graders** studied the Beatitudes – what they mean and what kind of attitude we need to have to be blessed by God.

The **Third Graders** began a unit in Science on vertebrates. Ask them to tell you the five classifications of vertebrates. This unit is always a favorite of the **Third Graders** since they love animals (me too)! They will be working on a couple of special projects to enhance their learning and have some fun with vertebrates.

Mrs. Green  
Third Grade

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*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them."*

*II Corinthians 5:17-19a*

This week in Bible, the **Fourth Graders** began their unit on the nature of man. We learned that God made human beings in His image. We are each unique and have a divine purpose!

In **Fourth Grade** English, we are completing our unit on reference materials. Our next unit will be writing a book review! Each **Fourth Grader** should be choosing a book over the weekend that they would like to read and write about.

In **Fourth Grade** Math, we are learning how to find least common multiples and the least common denominator. Please help your student continue to practice reducing fractions, as well as drilling basic Math facts. Thank you for re-enforcing this at home.

The **Fourth Graders** wish you all God's blessings in the New Year!

Mrs. Carlson  
Fourth Grade

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*"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."*  
1 John 1:8-9

In Bible, the **Fifth/Sixth Graders** continue to study Joshua and how he was a great leader because of his obedience to God. We learned about his conquering of Jericho, Ai, and Gibeon without traditional weapons, but through God's divine intervention.

In **Sixth Grade** Language, the children should be working on simple projects and instructions on how to make their project. They will be giving demonstrations soon. The Biography Book Reports were all very good. It was interesting to see what inspired them about the person they studied.

The following poems were written by **Fifth Graders**. The diamante submitted last week was written by **Joseph Walbridge**.

Santa  
Nice, big  
Giving, laughing, flying  
Reindeers, gifts, trash, bottles  
Stealing, repulsing, eating  
Ugly, gross  
Grinch  
By, **Emily Shaw**

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

A Christmas Tree  
Smells like mint and pine  
Looks like colorful lights flashing  
Feels like a sharp prickling  
Tastes like a delicious candy cane  
Sounds like the ringing of bells  
By, **Ben Sontag**

In the **Fifth Grade** History class we are continuing our study of Africa. A special thanks to **Mrs. Beretta** who came in to tell us a little about what it was like growing up in Africa. In the **Sixth Grade** class, we are learning about George Washington and the Revolutionary War.

"Star student of the week": \***Meagan Buda** \*

Mrs. Busch/Mrs. Whitney  
Fifth/Sixth Grade

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### Book-It Awards

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

**First Grade:** Paul Connolly, Sarah Litman, Amy Uscinski, Felicia Walbridge **Second Grade:** John Marineau, Ethan Savell

**Third Grade:** Laura Caron, Jordan Yates **Fourth Grade:** Kellan Ferwerda, Emma Jennings, Jordan Park, Erin Savell, Katie Tibbitts, Alex Volante **Fifth Grade:** Sam Mendola, Joseph Walbridge **Sixth Grade:** Kristopher Marineau, Molly Morin, Eric Moy

### 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!

1/16 ??  
1/23 Kelly Tibbitts  
1/30 ??

**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

1/9 Ski program begins/P.E. on Fridays  
1/13 **Last After School Club for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter**  
1/14 Jean-n-Sneaker Day  
1/16 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
1/19 **No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
1/20 **No After School Club**  
1/22 Report Cards home  
1/27 After School Clubs begin for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
2/4 Jeans-N-Sneaker Day

**PARENTS TAKE NOTE!** P.E. will be on Fridays during the weeks of the ski program in Jan./Feb. This will begin on Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. 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.



**Due to the snow day Wednesday we will have Jean-n-Sneaker Day next Wednesday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>.**

### 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!