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"Turn from evil and do good"

Psalm 34:14

This week in Bible, we continue to learn about Abraham in **Kindergarten**. This week we also learned about his son Isaac – did you know his name means "laughter"? Isaac's mom laughed when she learned she would have a baby. God blessed Isaac with twin boys! We will learn about them next week.

In Math we can write our numbers from 1-10. In addition, we can add "1" and another number. We also are learning how to tell time, one o'clock, two o'clock, etc. in **Kindergarten**.

We are reviewing our short vowels in Phonics, making lots of fall crafts and learning about weather in Science. We are very busy in **Kindergarten**! Enjoy your long weekend!

Mrs. Tibbitts
Kindergarten

"The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good."

Proverbs 15:3

This week in Bible class, **First Graders** learned how Joseph, like Jesus, suffered for doing good when his brothers threw him into a pit and sold him into slavery in Egypt. However, God (who sees all things) took what was meant for evil and turned it into good, giving Joseph the special job of being second in command over all Egypt.

As we finished our chapter in Heritage about Columbus, we learned an important lesson: "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." Christopher Columbus had to wait eight years before King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain agreed to fund his voyage across the sea. If he had not kept on trying after first not succeeding, he may never have reached America. Traveling west across the Atlantic from Spain, Columbus had hoped to find a shortcut to China. However, there was one little thing in the way – America!

Now that the frost is on the pumpkin, **First Graders** are busy making Fall decorations. We have made puffy hanging apple trees and fuzzy squirrels so far. Have a great Columbus Day weekend!

Mrs. Warren
First Grade

"Direct me in the path of Your commands, for there I find delight."

Psalm 119:35

In Bible, the **Second Graders** continue to look at obedience as we look into the life of Balaam. This reluctant prophet wanted power and money. He was shocked by a heavenly visitor and confronted with his disobedience.

In Arithmetic, we begin drawing lines with a ruler. We will measure our classroom and the hallway. We will also begin two-digit subtraction.

In Science, the **Second Graders** will attempt to make our own stethoscope and hear our heart beating.

A great big THANK YOU to **Mrs. Jennings** for bringing yummy treats to the Crafts Club. Have a great long weekend!

Miss Ohlin
Second Grade

"Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun."

Psalm 37:5-6

This week in Bible, the **Third Graders** have been studying about the "rebel's mind" – a person who does not follow rules. We looked at how we should follow God's rules and that we can trust God to know what is best for us.

In English, the **Third Graders** are thinking nouns – common and proper nouns, singular and plural nouns, and possessive nouns. They enjoyed playing "Around the World" to identify the type of noun I gave them. In fact, they enjoy playing "Around the World" for all kinds of review – math facts, test reviews, anything we can think of!

I hope all the **Third Graders** are busy reading for Book-It! They still have more than half the month to read 300 minutes. I know they can do it! I finished reading Mr. Popper's Penguins to the **Third Graders**, a fun story for the imagination! Have a good Columbus Day weekend!

Mrs. Green
Third Grade

"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you... for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him."

Matthew 6:6 & 8b

This week in **Fourth Grade** Bible class, we looked at the omnipresence of God. God is everywhere all the time! We saw how David wrote many of his Psalms with an awareness of God's constant presence in His life. We can fully rest in the knowledge that no matter where we are, or what circumstances we are facing, God is with us!

In English, the **Fourth Graders** have finished their personal narratives in writing and are working on nouns for the grammar portion of English class.

Please remember to help your **Fourth Grader** fill out their weekly **Reading Log**. This counts as a quiz grade every week and also applies to their "Book-It" awards from Pizza Hut.

We are beginning our study of the New England Colonies in **Fourth Grade** History. We are learning how the people and laws of the New England Colonies helped form the principles of religious freedom in our country.

Mrs. Carlson
Fourth Grade

"Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:8-9

In Bible class this week, the **Fifth and Sixth Graders** learned about how Joseph resisted temptation and how God was with Joseph even in prison. We will conclude the study of Joseph next week by writing and re-enacting our own play about him.

Book Report requirements were sent home earlier this week. The students have been diligent in reading during "D.E.A.R." time. We are now on a journey to read over at least 400 pages per month. **Kristopher Marineau and Molly Morin** have already reached that goal. We are recording our accomplishments by moving our cars on the bulletin board. Our Book Reports are due on the last day of the month, October 31st.

In **Fifth Grade** Science we will be wrapping up our mammal unit next week. The students will share their projects on October 15th.

This week in History Class, the **Fifth Graders** finished their chapter on the Middle East. Next week will begin studying Central and Southern Asia. In **Sixth Grade** History class, they finished their chapter on the Eastern United States and they are moving on to a chapter about the North American Plains. Both classes will have a review test soon so please review the tests that have already been taken.

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

Mrs. Busch/Mrs. Whitney
Fifth/Sixth Grade



Operation Christmas Child

Information and boxes are being sent home today. If you would like additional boxes, they are available in the school office. They are all due back by Friday, November 14th. **Remember to read the brochure carefully for what can and cannot go in the boxes.**

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!

10/17 Mr. Ray Brown
10/24 Mrs. Kelly Tibbitts
10/31 Mrs. Kathy DeFilippo

Calendar of Events

10/13 **No School** – Columbus Day
10/24 All Skiing forms due
10/28 Candy Bar Fundraiser ends-**All money due**
10/29 **No Afternoon Bus Service**
10/31 Harvest Parties
11/4 **Last after school club for 1st quarter**
11/4 **No Bus Service AM or PM, no public school**
11/6-7 **No School – Teachers workshop**
11/11 **No School – Veteran's Day**
11/13-14 **½ Days of School-Parent Teacher Conferences**
11/14 "Operation Christmas Child" boxes due
11/15 1st Annual GCS Craft Fair, 9:00-3:00 p.m.
11/20 G.C.S. Open House



1st Annual Craft Fair



G.C.S. will be having their 1st Annual Craft Fair on Sat. Nov. 15th from 9:00-3:00 p.m. Please get the word out that we are seeking crafters and artisans. Information and an application are available in the office or on our website, www.grace4u.com/gcs/gcs.htm. We can provide you with a flyer or poster if you'd like to help advertise the fair.



Candy Bar Fundraiser

Everyone's doing a great job selling candy bars! If your child would like another box to sell, send in the money for the previous box and a note requesting more. Remember, the final collection day is Tuesday, October 28th. If you have any questions, please call the school office. Thanks!



Skiing is Coming!!!

Please be sure to note the **due date** for all forms and money is **Friday, October 24th**. Information regarding chaperones will be sent home after this. Any questions, call the school office.



Pennies for the Post's

Please continue to bring in your pennies for the Post's in Ireland. We would like to bless them with a check around the holidays.