

GRACE GRAPEVINE

Grace Christian School
"A Ministry of Grace Baptist Church"
(603) 424-2552
secretary@grace4u.com

Volume 31 Number 4

Weekly Newsletter

October 3, 2008

"Children obey your parents in the Lord for this is right."
Ephesians 6:1

This week in Bible, the **Kindergarteners** started learning about Abraham. God told Abraham to leave his home and go to a new land. Abraham trusted God. This story reminds us we can also trust God.

In Phonics, we are still practicing our short vowel sounds, and we are adding new letters like "C" and "S". We are also sounding out short words.

In Math, the **Kindergarteners** have learned how to write numbers 1-8. We are also counting items up to 20. This week we used candy to count! To welcome fall we made beautiful fall leaves to hang in our classroom.

Mrs. Tibbitts
Kindergarten

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Ephesians 4:32

This week in Bible class, **First Graders** learned that though Jacob had tricked his brother Esau, out of his birthright inheritance, God helped them to forgive each other. As Jesus taught in the Lord's Prayer, if we expect answers to prayers, we must first forgive those who have sinned against us.

In Science class, we saw how the sun, the closest star to earth, resembles a fried egg. We have learned that just like God, the sun is too bright to look upon without hurting our eyes.

For a lesson in Creative Writing and to welcome the new season, **First Graders** wrote a Japanese Haiku poem about Fall! Here are a few to enjoy:

Fall is Here

Let us pick pumpkins
Watching the colors changing
Red, yellow, orange
By, **Olivia Bourque**

Fall

Pretty leaves falling
Wonderful colors shining
Sunshine is dancing
By, **Breanna Valade**

Autumn

Yellow, orange, red
The frost is on the pumpkin
Leaves are changing fast.
By, **Amy Uscinski**

Fall

The apples turned red
The leaves turned yellow and brown
God made the colors
By, **Paul Connolly**

Fun-in-the-Fall

Why I like the Fall?
Jumping, playing in the leaves,
Apple picking, yum!
By, **Noloni Mendola**

Fuzzy Squirrels

Fuzzy squirrels get nuts.
They hurry to bury them
Winter time means time to sleep.
By, **Mya Whitten**

The Leaves

The leaves change colors
And then they fall off the trees
I like to crunch them.
By, **Felicia Walbridge**

Leaves

Change colors in Fall
Colored leaves fall down in Fall
I jump in the leaves.
By, **Sarah Litman**

Happy Birthday to our Room Mother **Mrs. Litman** and thanks for your delicious apple bread. Happy Birthday also to **Mrs. LaValley**. Enjoy the beautiful weekend!

Mrs. Warren
First Grade

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me."
Exodus 20:2-3

In Bible next week, the **Second Graders** will continue our study of Moses. We will see the Israelites in the desert as God begins to make them a nation. They have some bumps in the road and we will learn why God has rules.

In Arithmetic, we continue to work with counting and adding money. We will also learn how to put numbers in order.

In Science, we will finish our look at animals by studying beavers. We will make our beaver lodge diorama.

Have a great week and sell, sell, sell those candy bars!

Miss Ohlin
Second Grade

"Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart."
Psalms 37:3-4

In Bible, the **Third Graders** have been studying about the Israelites when they were wandering in the desert and how their grumbling led to discontent. The **Third Graders** looked at examples in the Bible of people who doubted God instead of trusting God.

In Math the **Third Graders** are learning multiplication facts up through four and how to multiply with carrying. They are working hard in Math.

In Heritage the **Third Graders** have "stepped back in time" more than 500 years to see what it was like when Columbus came to the New World. The first thing he did when he arrived was to kneel and thank God for His goodness. The **Third Graders** then learned about the wise leadership of John Smith in the Jamestown settlement.

One day each week the **Third Graders** are using a workbook about the Presidential election. They are learning about the candidates, past presidents, what the President does, and some

fun facts about the White House. Did you know it has 28 fireplaces and 8 staircases?

Mrs. Green
Third 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

In Bible class this week, the **Fourth Graders** learned how God prepared the hearts of the Karen tribe of Burma to receive the truth of Himself. For hundreds of years they believed a white man would bring them a “special book” which would set them free. In 1838, missionaries came to the Karens and thousands of Karens became Christians and many even became missionaries and told people in other lands about the one true God.

The **Fourth Graders** enjoyed “Johnny Appleseed Day” last Friday. We integrated the story of Johnny Appleseed (John Chapman) into special Math, Geography and Language Arts activities. The **Fourth Graders** especially enjoyed their caramel apples made by **Miss Carlson!**

In Science, the **Fourth Grade** is now studying plants. Did you know that the biggest living thing on earth is a plant? It is the Giant Sequoia tree! We will be looking at different seeds, root systems and leaves as we learn how God has provided plants to give us a healthy atmosphere and food.

Mrs. Carlson
Fourth Grade

“Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.

Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me – put into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.”

Philippians 4:8-9

In Bible class, we have reviewed the story of Joseph and how he was chosen by God. We also learned how cruel his brothers were to him, yet Joseph was kind and had a forgiving heart. Both **Fifth and Sixth Graders** are beginning a fraction unit in Math. All the students have proven themselves in the basic operations.

We have now begun our Reading journey. All the **Fifth and Sixth Graders** are encouraged to read at least 400 pages for the month of October. Their first written book report on a fiction book will be due October 30th. They will receive details about what is expected in their book report next week.

This week in History Class the **Fifth Graders** began learning about the Middle East in Modern times. Hopefully they are all hard at work on their Nation Notebook Projects!

In Science class the **Sixth Graders** finished their chapter on plants and trees and are moving on to a study of invertebrates. Their tree posters are due on Oct. 10th. Thanks to **Mrs. LaValley** for providing apples and toppings for dipping to celebrate “Johnny Appleseed Day” last Friday.

“Star student of the week”: **Rebecca LaValley**

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!

10/10 Mrs. Cindy Morin & Joe Morin
10/17 Mr. Ray Brown
10/24 Mrs. Kelly Tibbitts
10/31 Mrs. Kathy DeFilippo

Calendar of Events

10/8 School Pictures
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
11/15 1st Annual GCS Craft Fair, 9:00-3:00 p.m.

Many thanks to Mrs. Jennings for the delicious fudge and giant “Swans” éclairs.



School Pictures

School pictures will be taken next **Wednesday, Oct. 8th**. Be sure they bring the completed form and check on picture day. The children may wear Chapel dress or regular dress code.



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

Earlier this week your child came home with a box of candy sell. Each family will be asked to sell a minimum of 52 bars at \$1.00 each. If your child would like another box to sell, you must send in the money for the previous box and a note requesting more. If you have any questions, please call the school office. Thanks!



Skiing is Coming!!!

Information about our upcoming ski program went home with your child last week. 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.