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St. John Lutheran School
Wrightstown, WI

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February 3, 2017

SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

Spirit Week (February 6 – 10) SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENTS

February 6 Monday – Pj Day *Feel free to roll out of bed and join us for school on Monday. No need to put on school cloths or comb your hair. Your blankie or stuffed animals are welcome to join us as well!*

February 7 Tuesday – Future Time Travel Day *What does you future hold? Will you look old? Will you look like a time traveler? Marty McFly? Perhaps you'll dress up to show us your future career. Show us what you think your future will look like on this dress up day.*

February 8 Wednesday – Wisconsin Day *Dress up as a player on your favorite WI sports team, your favorite dairy product, state bird or fossil, historical figure from WI, etc. You are welcome to use your creativity to come up with a unique Wisconsin costume.*

February 9 Thursday – Crazy Pattern Day *Show us how many patterns you can wear in one day. Don't even think about matching your cloths. We're looking ot see some wild colors and crazy combos on this day! If you feel crazy hair would add to your overall design, feel free to add that as well.*

February 10 Friday – Classroom Color Day *Show your classroom spirit by wearing the same color as your friends. Miss Buss(Purple), Mrs. Wicks(Blue), Mrs. Bunn(Black), Mr. Raddatz(Orange)*

School Open House

February 16th, and 17th will be a school open house at St. John. Thursday, February 16th the open house will be from 4 – 7pm, and Friday, February 17th(NO SCHOOL) the open house will run from 10am – 2pm. We invite everyone to stop by and look around, chat with the staff, learn about what's going on now and on the horizon for next school year, and meet current or visiting families. There will be a light lunch served Friday for anyone stopping by on their lunch hour. Invite everyone you know!

5K Color Run/Walk

Excitement is in the air! Later this month, the course map, and all the information everyone needs to join us for this amazing event will be delivered. I strongly encourage everyone to start asking family and friends about changing plans, to join us for this citywide, no, fox valley area wide family fun event. Initial guessimates will have the 5K Run or Walk being \$25 per participant(ages 2+), which includes a free shirt and other select items. The 1 Mi Run or Walk will be \$20 per participant(ages 2+) and includes the same free items. Don't worry about leaving your small children at home, BRING THEM ALONG. Strollers are welcomed too!. Shirts and free items, however, will only go to paid participants. We will also be hosting a Diaper Dash, for all those families with kids NOT yet walking. The Diaper Dash will be \$10 per participant with a free item for each participant. Please look forward to additional information in the month of February. The Color Run/Walk is planned for May 20th.

CLASSROOM NEWS

Ms. Buss (Preschool)

Greetings!

Just a quick reminder that next week at school is Spirit Week! All days will be dress up days: Monday is Pajama Day, Tuesday is Time Travel Day, Wednesday is Wisconsin Day, Thursday is Crazy Pattern day, and Friday my class wears Purple! Friday will also be our Tundra Lodge field trip. So, we have a fun and eventful week planned for next week.

I also want to let you know that the kids and I will have a Valentine's Day party on Wednesday, Feb. 15th. I know this is the day after Valentine's Day, however, it is also the day when all the kids are present and I wanted to let them all have a chance to exchange valentines and have a little themed fun! Prior to the party, the kids will be making a bag that they can put all their valentines into to take home on the day of the party.

Obviously, we are in a new month now so our academic goals have changed with the calendar. In math we will now focus on the number 6. We have also been doing more with identifying an understanding the numbers between 1 – 10. Another concept that we are adding in the math area is looking at data, sorting attributes, and identifying more and less. We will have two colors of focus for February instead of just one and those colors will be Pink and White. The shape of the month will be the heart to go with Valentine's Day. We also are continuing to look at shapes and going on scavenger hunts around our classroom to find certain shapes.

Literacy wise, our focus of this past week has been Pets and the letter N. Next week we will look at the theme of Post Office (this theme will extend through Valentine's Day), and in the next two weeks our letters of focus will be Q and V. We have been playing some Rhyming games in our class as well... ranging from Rhyming basketball, Rhyming ball throwing, and feeding pets (stuffed animals) when identifying a rhyme.

Next week our Word of God study will be on the story of Jesus helping a Paralyzed man walk. The week after that we will talk about how Jesus brought a dead girl back to life. You will notice that your child's three ring binder has been filled with past stories that we have done throughout the Bible in the previous part of the school year. I will continue to add the current stories to your child's collection.

I am going to leave you with a short passage for Job this time reminding us on the beautiful wisdom that God gives us in his Word. Job 28:28 – And he said to the human race, "The fear of the Lord – that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding.

Blessings on your next few weeks!

Mrs. Wicks (Prek & K)

It seems like every week there is more progress to report for students in my class. They learn at such an amazing rate! Several pre-K students have recently gotten comfortable with their phonics, matching letters to their sounds with sudden ease. Some in the class are developing early reading skills, turning letter shapes into their phonics sounds and blending the sounds together into words. Parents of children in pre-K can try reading some of the short words that come home in their folders each week or can look for words in books or around the house for their child to read. We are primarily focusing on 'CVC' words- a consonant, short vowel, consonant combination that is easy to sound out. We have worked on all five of the short vowel sounds (a as in ant, e as in elephant, i as in igloo, o as in octopus, and u as in umbrella) as well as the main sounds for consonants c, g, d, s, l, t, f, h, and b.

Kindergarten students have progressed in their Superkids series. We have now completed the "Meet the Superkids" series and are on to "The Superkids Club". In "The Superkids Club", kindergarteners find harder words, longer stories, and extra opportunities for advancing reading and writing skills. We are also beginning our writing curriculum and our spelling work. Math is also bringing new skills, with tally marks and adding two-digit numbers (without carrying over to tens).

In the coming week, we also get to take plenty of time for fun. Please check that you have received notes about the field trip, spirit wear days, and our Valentine's celebrations. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Mrs. Bunn (Grades 1-3)

We are having a lot of fun this quarter! These first two weeks of a new quarter have brought some new units of study. In science, we started our Einstein unit on Changes in Matter. In this unit, we will be doing hands on activities that explore states of matter like solids, liquids, and gases and what causes changes in various materials in our world. We will also be extending what we learn into some STEM activities where we will get to practice our engineering, design and math skills. The unit will conclude with designing your own recipe with at least one liquid and one solid to show change in matter.

This quarter also brings changes in our Language Arts studies. All the students have started new expository writing pieces where they will learn how to report on a subject and how to describe a process. The second graders are thrilled to be starting cursive and third grade is equally excited to start keyboarding/typing lessons.

In addition to our regular classes, students have a list of activities that they complete outside of class. Some of these activities are additional practice like working with math facts and some of these activities like art/creativity challenges or playing with toys that promote STEM concepts and learning. iPads and Chrome books help us review math concepts, work with our spelling/vocabulary lists at SpellingCity, listen to and read e-books, test reading comprehension, video learning, and much more. Ask your child about their independent learning sheets each week. If you notice that they are not completing many activities, they might need encouragement in using work time for work. Most students can complete all of the activities in a week if they stay focused during work time. This is also a great way to avoid bringing home a lot of homework.

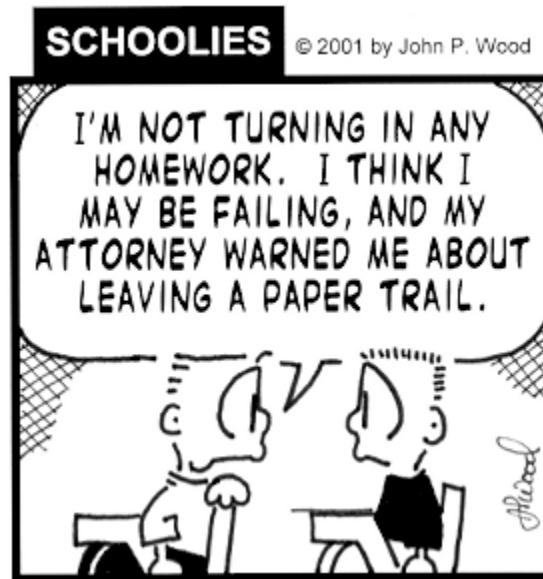
Mr. Raddatz (Grades 4 – 8)

It is that time of the year again, as we surprisingly begin to look at next school year and begin to make preparations for the continued growth God blesses us with. Accordingly, future newsletters may contain vital surveys and questionnaires that will aid us greatly in beginning these preparations. I would kindly ask that you take the time to look over these additional documents when they arrive. I encourage you to answer items as frankly and honestly as can be done. The surveys and questionnaires and their answers are anonymous, and I would ask that you not include your name. I thank you in advance for the information you are able to provide, as one of the true blessings of our school is the connection we maintain with the families that we serve and the needs that they express.

I currently serve as the before and after school teacher on Wednesday's. I am undertaking a trial run in regards to requests presented to me by parents. On Wednesday's, ONLY WEDNESDAY'S, cereal and milk, along with a piece of fruit, or breakfast bar will be offered. It will be served in my classroom, and only my classroom. It will be served from 7:00am – 7:45am. If you are interested in your child participating, all you need to do is

make sure they find their way to my classroom during “Breakfast” time, and bring along a \$1. This trial will run through the month of February, at which point, we will evaluate its results.

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Spirit Week Field Trip

Tundra Lodge and Pizza Ranch

On Friday, February 10, all students are going on a field trip to Pizza Ranch and Tundra Lodge in Green Bay. Students who don't normally attend classes on Friday are also invited to join us for this special day. This note is to finalize our numbers for this trip (even if you've already talked to your child's teacher) and to collect money for our Pizza Ranch lunch. Please indicate below whether or not you will be attending as a parent chaperone and complete the lunch information below. We will be taking a bus for this field trip and parents won't need to drive unless we have a large number of parents joining us. Please send in cash or a check (check made out to Jennifer Bunn) to cover your child's (or family's) cost for lunch. We will depart school at 10:30 and return back around 3:30 P.M. Special arrangements for pick-up after school will need to be made. There will be no bus home that day.

Lunch Prices:

\$10.25 adult

\$7.50 student (ages 10 and up)

\$0.80 per year of age student (ages 4-9)

Free –student or child age 3 and under

Family Name: _____

Number of adults attending: _____

Number of children attending: _____

Please indicate how many of each:

_____ adult lunch

_____ student rate lunch (10 and up)

_____ student rate lunch (4-9) ----age of child _____ x \$0.80 ----age of child _____ x \$0.80

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_____ free child

Total Enclosed: _____

Return Form By Monday, February 6 !!