

CRY OF THE CARDINAL

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School Info & Notes

STEAM Club Forms Due

Lego Club is back in an exciting, expanded format. Come and check out STEAM Club, where we get to design projects using Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. We will be meeting the *first* and *third Thursday* each month, as marked on our online calendar. Registration forms should have been received at orientation night and are now due.

Please ask Mrs. Wicks for a new form if one is needed.

Registrations for 1st-8th grades can go to Mrs. Bunn, while preschool, preK, and Kindergarten can turn theirs in to Mrs. Wicks.

Early Childhood(Miss. Buss)

We are off to a great start this year! I want to start off by thanking those that have donating snacks to eat this year! I appreciate it. From crackers, to apples, and everything in between, the kids are enjoying what we have in our classroom to eat.

All of the kiddos in my room are learning this week the story of God creating the world, how He is powerful, and created the world with nothing but his words. We discussed how if we want to make something, we usually need something to make it with as well as tools like hammers and saws. The kids have been learning that God makes everything, and when God was done on the days of creation he looked and saw that what he made was good. We have also been talking about what sin is the last two weeks and how Jesus died on the cross to take away our sins.

Literacy wise, all the kiddos are starting to work on the letter C this week and the sound it makes. We also are practicing name writing every morning by having the kids "sign in" on a clipboard with their names. Name writing is also practiced in literacy as well as how to hold a pencil, and upper and lower case letters. The kids enjoy many stories after Word of God time in the morning.

For math, preschool is learning about colors and PreK is reviewing colors. We did a science lesson on mixing colors and what colors would be made when mixing two together. We also are playing many games finding colors around our room. Preschool is focusing on learning and recognizing the number 2. PreK is focusing on writing numbers 1 and 2. We are making our own number flashcards in class and the kids are pretty excited about



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Upcoming Events

Sept 18,20,25,27,29

Soccer @ St. John School

Sept 29

Hot Lunch @ St. John Church

Every Tuesday

Crochet Club – for everyone

Important Announcement

To all those who have pieces of information that need to be added or changed for current student files, we kindly ask that you do this as soon as possible. The most current and up to date information is essential for us to have on file.

them. Once we get more made they will be able to come home but will need to come back to school. PreK is also starting to learn the difference between different kinds of money coins and how to identify them.

I hope that all of you have had a chance to poke around on BrightWheel to watch our days as they progress. I have tried to send a picture most days that your child is in and every day I try to update on what our currently learning is based on. You will also find information on there such as medications being administered if that applies to your child, any bathroom accidents, etc. It is a great tool in which to keep in contact. If you are on there often, if I could ask you to go in and check your child "in" when they are dropped off in the morning I would appreciate that.

If you have any questions for me, please don't be afraid to shoot them my way. Thanks for a great start to the school year! I leave you with these words from the book of Psalms that reminds us how richly we are to be God's children. Psalm 84:10 – Better is one day in your court than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

God's blessings on your next few weeks ahead.

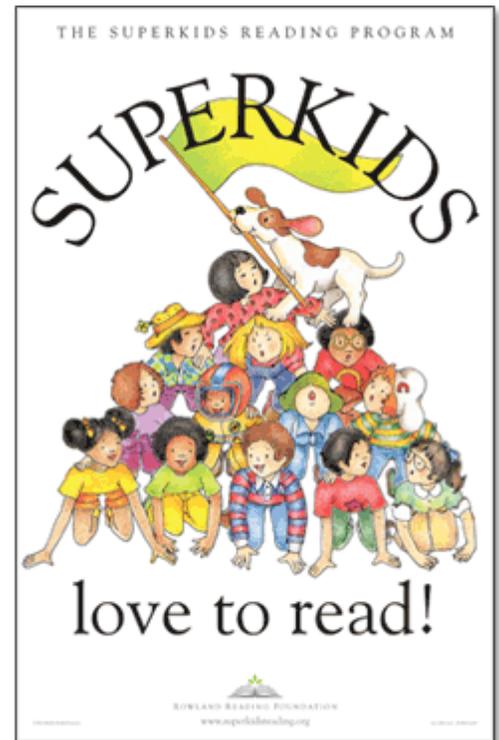
Kindergarten(Mrs. Wicks)

Our Kindergarteners have been busy learning the ins and outs of classwork. We have taken on daily Bible History, writing practice work, math activities, memory work, and a rotating schedule of social studies, and art. Most exciting for the majority of them however, are our adventures with Cass, the first of our Superkids. Cass has been helping us to explore letter C and its /k/ sound. Many of our children are getting back into the swing of sounding out the letters and blending them together to make words. Parents should anticipate the first books to read coming home soon. They will start with just pictures for them to think about and tell you the story that they see happening. Words and blends will be added over the next few weeks. If your child would like to be challenged sooner, please let me know. I would be happy to send home some Bob books while the Superkid books build up to reading.

One note that could be helpful to your child: Many of the children find it easiest to have a waterbottle that they can seal tightly and keep in their chair pocket for drinks throughout the day. Please feel free to send one along if you would like.



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Grades 1-3(Mrs. Bunn)

We're off to a great start this year! I'm excited about how quickly the 2-3rd graders picked up their old routines and procedures and how quickly the 1st graders are learning the new routines. It won't take long to have everybody back into the full routine.

Below are some notes that are grade specific:

- 1- You may have noticed that I have asked you to have your child read their Accelerated Reader books two times. This is a good way to ensure that they understood the story and are ready to take a comprehension test on it at school. Rereading books can help children build fluency and comprehension. Eventually, they will be asked to only read titles one time unless they would like to read it again. If they struggle on the test, they may be asked to reread a book in the future.
- 2- All students in this grade are capable of reading their Accelerated Reader books independently. You can expect this of them, but it is still beneficial to occasionally read with them or to them. It's helpful to model fluent reading with expression when you have opportunity.
- 3- Your child will be reading predominantly chapter books this year. They are welcome to occasionally pick out a picture book at their level as well, but should practice reading longer passages at this time. Please note that one chapter is not always an appropriate amount of reading at home. Books like the Magic Treehouse series should take about two nights to read. They will also be taking home non-fiction titles that are generally not chapter books.

All Grades- Most nights your child will have a paper in their binder that has a short reading passage. These short stories should be practiced every night. It should be read aloud to an adult or older sibling. The goal is for your child to read that passage fluently and with expression. Make sure they pause in the appropriate places and that questions and exclamations sound like questions and exclamations.

Birthday Snacks- All students are welcome to bring a snack on or near their birthday. We have 15 students in our class. If your child has a summer birthday, feel free to pick an "unbirthday" if they'd still like an opportunity to bring a snack.

September Classroom Birthdays: Evelyn Barker.



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Grades 4-8(Mr. Raddatz)

I would like to take the time to welcome all our new families to St. John, as well as those returning for another great year. I apologize for the tardiness in getting this first issue of our bimonthly newsletter, *CRY of the CARDINAL*, out to you, as it appears it was in a holding pattern since this afternoon when it was intended to be delivered.

The goal this year is to deliver as much of our school communications electronically to help eliminate our paper footprint. However, we do understand that resources may not allow for the electronic copy. If you would like a printed copy sent home we are more than happy to do so. Please send a message to Mr. Raddatz stating that you would like to be added to the printed copy list.

I would like to take this time to follow up with all of our families in regards to information and items that may require your attention.

Key Fobs: If your family has not received their two designated keys to enter the school building during school hours, please see Mr. Raddatz. In combination with this, several families have a grandparent pick up regularly. If you need an extra fob, please see Mr. Raddatz as well. We kindly ask that you keep track of the fobs, as they will need to be turned in at the conclusion of the school year. Replacement cost for damaged or lost fobs is \$15.

Billing/Statements: Weekly bills will be emailed out beginning next weekend. Through these emailed invoices or bills, families have the option of credit card payments, *which do include a small processing fee*, ACH payments which are nearly free, cash, or check, with the last two options being delivered in person to school, and placed in the wood box in the upper hall labeled *Tuition Payments*. We kindly ask payment schedules be followed in regards to payment of any outstanding tuition balance.

Milk: Please note that payment for milk is needed as soon as possible. Due to the fact that we pay upon pick up, it is necessary for all families to have milk payments in promptly.

Please look forward to classroom news in the future as well, as I try my best to wear both caps of classroom teacher and school administrator. Our classroom is off to a great start, and we look forward to the great and many wonderful challenges God has in store for each of us!



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Infuse the Word of God,

Inspire tomorrow's leaders.