

CRY OF THE CARDINAL

St. John Lutheran School
Wrightstown, WI

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January 6, 2017
Full Ed.

SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

Green Bay Gambler Hockey Game

January 28th, 2017. 7:05pm. St. John Lutheran will be participating in *Family Night* at the Gamblers. This event is open to any and all individuals. Parents, family, friends, invite everyone. Part of this special night includes *Dash for the Cash*. This year Mr. Raddatz is one of the chosen school representatives who will sprint on the ice to pick up as much money as he can. Along with this unique opportunity, \$3 from each ticket sold on behalf of St. John will be returned to the school as well. Ticket order forms are available at school or in the church office. Forms should be returned to school by January 20th. Tickets will be available at "Will Call" the evening of the game, just reference St. John – Wrightstown. All funds raised will go to purchasing new technology resources, classroom materials, and playground equipment. Individuals ages fifteen and up are \$14, those ages fourteen to three are \$9, and children under three are free.

Tundra Lodge

Please remember that our annual winter escape is fast approaching. Anyone interested in chaperoning should contact their child's teacher. The field trip is slated for February 10th, with our time there being 12 – 3pm. Please note that this day is one where pick up at school will be necessary for all students, as we are departing Tundra Lodge at 3pm. Aftercare will be available for families that may need it.

School Open House

We ask you to join us, as well as inviting anyone you may know, to our upcoming School Open Houses. There are two scheduled for February: Thursday, February 16th, 4-7pm, and Friday, February 17th, 10am-2pm(NO SCHOOL THAT DAY). These open houses are intended to look around, ask any questions of administration or classroom teachers, gather information, meet other families, and register for the upcoming school. ***A light lunch will be provided during the open house on Friday, February 17th. Any family registering, or reenrolling for next school, will have the \$75 student fee waived, if doing so on either of the two scheduled days.***

CLASSROOM NEWS

MS. BUSS (PRESCHOOL)

Happy New Year!

I want to take a moment to thank all of you for the wonderful Christmas gifts you, and your children, gave to me. Thank you very much! Words cannot express an adequate amount of gratitude for the wonderful cards and gifts you gave. I hope that you all had a good Christmas, and a good New Year as well!

Now that we are all back to school, let me fill you in on the new details! January starts a new month for us, so the kids are learning some new concepts this month. The color of the month is changing to blue. We review the color of the month every day before snack time by playing the game "I Spy!" Most of the kids like to really get into it and try to find what I am spying with my little eye first. Our new month also has our class learning a new number. The number of the month is now the number five. Our new shape of the month is the triangle.

Literacy wise, we went over the letter Y this week. Next week we will be introducing and working on the letter J. Our theme for most of the month of January will be winter themes: such as but not limited to Dressing for Winter, Snow, and Snowmen. Our sensory table will change to reflect these themes as well. While most of the kids are doing really well zipping up their coats we will continue to work on that skill for the ones still getting there. We will also play a game with our winter outside gear and work on our spatial prepositions of on, over, and under. Depending on the amount of snow that we get in the coming weeks, I also have an art project for the kids to do outside painting the snow.

Our Religion lesson for this week was about Jesus going to the temple and how Mary and Joseph came back for him and why Jesus had to be there. We discussed why Jesus stayed there, what he was doing, and how God still speaks to us when we go to church. Our lesson for next week will be about Jesus getting baptized.

Going into a New Year I will end this section of the Cry of the Cardinal with a Bible Verse that reminds me that God is in control, and that he gives us so many blessings in all of our days throughout all of our years. Isaiah 25:1 - LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

Blessings to you as you begin the month of January!

MRS. WICKS (PREK & KINDERGARTEN)

A quick plea to all my families-- please remember to send hats, mittens, boots, and snowpants if your child stays through the noon recess time. We have a few spares to borrow but have been running out on some days. We will try to get out any time the temperature is above 0 with wind chills.

Pre-K friends have been working hard, especially at their letter sounds and blending the sounds into words. They have been doing well! More and more are taking the time to point out letters they know or blend words with short vowel sounds together. They may be proud to show off new skills; check with them at home to see what they can do!

Kindergarten has been especially busy with math facts and are practicing identifying when to add and when to subtract. They are getting better each day! We are using our counters less and less to help us figure out the answers

MRS. BUNN
(GRADES 1 – 3)

We have a week and a half left in the quarter so please check with your child to be sure they are up to date with their Accelerated Reader assignments. A few students will need to do some catch up to make sure they meet their Accelerated Reader goals for the quarter. I conferenced with each child so they will be able to tell you if they need to spend more time reading or if they are on target. Students will generally attain their goal if they read and test on 1-2 picture books a day. If they are reading a mix a picture books and chapter books, it will depend on the point value of the chapter books.

All parents are reminded that Accelerated Reader is an important part of our reading curriculum, but only a portion of how your child learns how to read at St. John. An effective reading program like ours includes daily word work where we look at patterns in words and how to apply spelling rules. The students also have time where they listen to reading, read silently, and read aloud. We also take time to respond to what we read and to learn more about the strategies that effective readers use. We also take our reading skills and apply them to the other subjects we learn. For example, when we review our Christ Light lessons the students are reminded that good readers use strategies. We follow the same routine, each time we read our Bible lessons by previewing the text, viewing the illustrations, making predictions, and asking and answering questions that we find in the text. All students in our class can tell you about strategies that good readers use and use many of them with automaticity even though they are still developing reading skills.

I've really enjoyed the weeks leading up to our Christmas break. It's a joy to serve at a school where the true meaning of Christmas is the focus of our studies in December. Not everyone has the opportunity to discuss daily the most important of life's lessons or read the most important book ever written at their school. What a blessing it is to have our children attend a school where we can answer life's most important questions and teach them the life-saving truths of God's Word. I look forward to a New Year continuing to teach your children from a Christian perspective, especially in a time when our Christian beliefs and values are often being challenged. It is constantly my prayer that we never undervalue the importance of preparing our children to live as Christians in a world of sin.

Thank you for the very generous Christmas gifts! I've already enjoyed using some of them over break and very much appreciate the thoughtfulness of the families in my classroom! I can tell by the gifts selected that some of you know me pretty well! God's blessings to your families this New Year!

MR. RADDATZ
(GRADES 4 – 8)

It is hard to believe as soon as we are saying *Happy New Year* to each other; students are also looking to the end of second quarter in just a week and a half. **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** In regards to the end of the quarter there are a few reminders to you, parents, just in case your son or daughter hasn't passed on the information shared in class. 1. All make up work needs to be submitted by Friday, January 13th in order to be included in final grades. 2. If extra credit, or extra work is being done to help out current low grade, it also needs to be completed by Friday, January 13th. 3. Accelerated Reader goals can be achieved all the way up until the last day of the quarter. Our goal for each student in our class was to reach 100% of their predetermined point total in books located in the reading zone, as determined by their STAR Reading test. 4. Parent Teacher conferences can be set up privately if desired to discuss student academics or any other questions you may have about the previous quarter. Grades will be sealed and delivered by Friday, January 20th.

Beginning third quarter, we are looking to take cross country skiing in our Phy. Ed. class time. We are the generous recipients of several pairs of cross country skis, so half the battle has been won. We are looking to secure cross country ski boots to complete our goal. I have asked all the students to check at home, as well as checking with family and friends to see if boots could be borrowed. In a week or so, I will check to see if any were found, and those who have none, boots will be provided. Parents, or any person interested in cross country skiing is invited to join us if you would like. Our Phy. Ed. class time is Tuesday's and Thursday's from 11:00-11:45am. Please note, that weather conditions, and snow conditions greatly affect whether we can cross country ski on any particular day. A path around our school campus will be used for these sessions. If you would like to cross country ski outside these scheduled times you are welcome to do so. I simply ask that you let me know if you will be joining us, or are stopping by to get in a few laps.

As the new year is upon us, I ask for your assistance in an ongoing matter within our classroom. We continue to work through the challenges of communication with one another, teachers, and visitors. Skills we continue to work on: listening to all words before responding (including not interrupting a speaker), choosing clear words to communicate messages or thoughts to classmates, teachers, or answers in class, understanding the importance of restraint and self-control and the ability to not have to speak unless warranted, refraining from using words that may offend or embarrass those around us. Long story short, we are looking to break bad habits of speaking more first, and instead focusing on good habits of listening and thinking first and responding if necessary or asked.

IF YOU WOULD ORDER SPIRTWARE ITEMS(CLOTHING CONTAINING OUR SCHOOL LOGOS) WHAT KIND OF ITEMS WOULD YOU ORDER? Shoot an email to Mr. Raddatz with your ideas. It has taken two painstaking years, but we have finally found a screen printer to work which will allow us to keep costs as low as possible. trr61210@gmail.com



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