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## SCHOOL NEWS

### Importance to children of Reading (multipart article, part I)

It's undeniable that a child's reading skills are important to their success in school, work, and life in general. And it is very possible to help ensure your child's success by reading to them starting at a very early age. Here are some of the top reasons that reading to your children is beneficial to them in the long run.

#### **Supported cognitive development**

Reading to young children is proven to improve and help along the process of cognitive development. Cognitive development is the emergence of the ability to think and understand; it's "the construction of thought processes, including remembering, problem solving, and decision-making, from childhood through adolescence to adulthood" (HealthofChildren.com). It refers to how a person perceives and thinks about his or her world through areas such as information processing, intelligence, reasoning, language development, and memory.

When you begin reading aloud to your child, it essentially provides them with background knowledge on their young world, which helps them make sense of what they see, hear, and read. In fact, many educators and researchers postulate that "It is the talk that surrounds the reading that gives it power, helping children to bridge what is in the story and their own lives," rather than just the vocalization of the words. Introducing reading into your child's life, and the conversations that it will prompt, helps them to make sense of their own lives, especially at a young age.

Consider this excerpt from a study on toddlers' cognitive development as a result of being read aloud to:

"A child care provider reads to a toddler. And in a matter of seconds, thousands of cells in these children's growing brains respond. Some brain cells are 'turned on,' triggered by this particular experience. Many existing connections among brain cells are strengthened. At the same time, new brain cells are formed, adding a bit more definition and complexity to the intricate circuitry that will remain largely in place for the rest of these children's lives."

Therefore, the more adults read aloud to their children, the larger their vocabularies will grow and the more they will know and understand about the world and their place in it, assisting their cognitive development and perception.

<https://www.all4kids.org/2017/03/03/importance-reading-children>

## Parent Get Together

Join us November 30<sup>th</sup>, from 6pm-?? at the **Blue Opus** for food, music, & great company!



The Blue Opus  
1390 Bellevue St, Green Bay, WI 54311



Parents we apologize for the late notice in getting the date and time to you, but we had to solidify a few details before passing the information on to you. With this event, we kindly ask that you RSVP if you will be attending and how large your party will be. We encourage you to check out the following website to check out more details about *The Blue Opus*, such as the venue as the food menu. We hope to see you there. [www.theblueopus.com](http://www.theblueopus.com)

**STUDENT ACCOUNTS:** We apologize for the delay in getting invoices out, and payments processed. We continue to work to expedite this process, hopefully making it as seamless as possible. One item to note, if you plan on paying an e-invoice via a credit or debit card, the processing fees are considerably less running that card in person then paying online. *Please note that per our handbook, any financial changes will be given via a two week notice.* **Beginning December 1st, processing fees of \$2/transaction will be charged for those using a credit card or debit card for tuition payments. These fees will be included on the last bill of the month.** (example if you pay monthly, you will incur (1) \$2 fee for processing, (2) \$2 fees if you pay bimonthly, etc.) **Please note ACH will continue to be fee free if that option is used.**

**Cold Weather:** Parents it is VERY important that you send the proper clothing for your child as we enter the dredged Wisconsin cold season. Proper clothing would be snow pants, jackets, boots, hats, and gloves. Please note that we make every effort to get the children outside when the temperatures allow us. Our Early Childhood program does follow temperature guidelines meaning they won't go outside unless the temp + wind chill is less than 20 degrees Fahrenheit. Please note that we won't let children outside if they aren't probably prepared, meaning if they are missing any of the above items of winter wear they will not be allowed outside. Fresh air and sunshine are two wonderful ingredients to happy children, so we try are best to satisfy this recipe.

## **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES:**

Please note that we have parent-teacher conferences this week Wednesday and Friday. These conferences begin promptly at 3:20pm each day. Please note that being prompt for your scheduled time is greatly appreciated as each teacher has several conferences scheduled each day. If you haven't schedule a conference yet, or are unable to make it on either day please contact the classroom teacher to set up another time.

## **STEAM CLUB for PRESCHOOL & PREK**

We wanted to let you know that due to interest from several parents, we have extended our STEAM CLUB availability to Preschool & Prek. The first club date is this Thursday. They will meet the first and third Thursday from 3:00-4:00pm. The cost for this club is \$10, which goes directly for materials. If you are interested in joining this club please let Mr. Raddatz know as soon as possible.

## **HOLIDAY PARADE:**

Each year St. John Lutheran School has an entry in the Wrightstown Holiday Parade. This year the parade will be on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. If you and/or your child would like to join our entry we will gather at St. John Lutheran Church at 10am to prep and finalize our entry before we find our spot in the parade line up. Please note we will have adult walking, and children riding this year in regards to preparation. **In combination with the holiday parade, we have set a lofty goal to increase the number of pounds of candy we disbursed last year. Our goal for candy collection is 135 pounds, last year we were able to collect 125 pounds. If you or someone you know would like to donate candy, it can be dropped off at school anytime between 7am & 5pm. Thanks in advance for your help!!**

## **English Improvement Opportunity Classes**

St. John Lutheran Church and School is in the process of starting up English Improvement Opportunity (EIO) classes. We hope to meet on certain Mondays beginning at the end of this month. If you know of anyone who is adjusting to English as a second language (from any language background), please encourage them to get in touch with us. If you are interested in helping out on occasion, please let us know. There is no experience or special knowledge required; the class is taught by helping others repeat basic phrases in English to gain confidence and learn the patterns within our language.

**SCHOOL: Just a reminder to parents that St. John WILL NOT be in session Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>.**

## CLASSROOM NEWS

**Preschool (Mrs. Foelske)**

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Hello Preschool Parents!

This week Wednesday and Friday are parent teacher conferences attached to this email is a sheet with slotted times for each family. Please email me if you choose to switch times with another family or need to move to an open slot.

I look forward to speaking to you all about your child and hearing any concerns or questions you have.

Wednesday Nov. 14th	
3:20-3:40	Collier
3:40-4:00	Grossheim
4:00-4:20	Burkhart
4:20-4:40	Kraus
4:40-5:00	Nelson
5:00-5:20	Vue
5:20-5:40	Juedes
5:40-6:00	Wiskerchen
6:00-6:20	Raddatz (C)
6:20-6:40	Locascio
6:40-7:00	Raddant
7:00-7:20	
Friday Nov. 16th	
3:20-3:40	Baumann
3:40-4:00	Abel
4:00-4:20	Bastianello
4:20-4:40	
4:40-5:00	Raddatz (O)
5:00-5:20	Butcher
5:20-5:40	Bowers
5:40-6:00	
6:00-6:20	
6:20-6:40	
6:40-7:00	
7:00-7:20	

Hello!

We have officially closed out our first quarter of the school year! Man, how the time is flying. It really is true that time flies when you are having fun.

I have been doing our fall assessments on the kiddos in PreK over the past few weeks. They will be finished and ready to discuss on Parent Teacher conference nights. If you haven't already signed up for a Parent Teacher conference with me, please reach out and we can set something up. Along with discussing assessments, I will also inform you on our new reading program that Early Education (both Preschool and PreK) will be starting next month, if not shortly after the holidays. The goal is to aim for 15 minutes of reading a night. Reading increases a child's vocabulary, and future reading skills. I will also be discussing different ways and ideas to have the kiddos also "read" during their time at home rather than just being read to. As always, if you have any questions, have any concerns, or need any resources, please reach out to me and I would be happy to assist you.

**QUICK REMINDER** that all the Early Education kiddos in Preschool and PreK will be singing in church on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at the 10:15 service. Please have the kids in the church basement by 10:00 am on Sunday so we can do a quick run through of our song while also making sure that all the kiddos have a chance to go to the bathroom before the service.

Literacy wise, the kids and I have reviewed the letters O,C,G, A and their sounds. This week we are working on the letter E. For math, we worked on number recognition for numbers 0-10. Some of the kiddos are starting to grasp number recognition between 10-20. We have been starting our calendar time with a music video that helps us learn to count to 20. We attempted our first try at connect-the-dot activities that required the kids to think about what number would come next in their efforts. Word of God had us talking about God giving Moses the 10 Commandments. This week, we are discussing the story of the Israelites building the Golden Calf. We are learning the First Commandment and discussing ways we worship God and how worshiping God tells God that we love him.

I leave you this time with a reminder to think positive. This verse in the Bible always reminds me to focus on the good things, specifically the great things that God provides on a daily basis in our lives, but also the great salvation he gives us through Christ taking away our sins. Philippians 4:8 – Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.

Have a great few weeks ahead.

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The weather has taken a turn for the worse (in my opinion). Please be sure to send along any needed outdoor gear to keep your children warm. Please label all clothes with your child's name, especially snowpants when the time comes, as winter gear gets mixed up easily.

We have made it through the end of our science unit on wood and paper. It seems like the students really enjoyed it, particularly making their own specialty paper at the end! We are now switching to a unit I call "Me on the Map", a look at our place in the world. We will be learning some early map skills, checking out our neighborhoods, and trying to wrap our heads around the concept of us having our own little spot in our house, neighborhood, town, state, country, continent, and world. We may try an occasional walking field trip; watch for notes letting you know when and where we will travel.

Mrs. Bunn's most up-to-date classroom information will always be available at [www.mrsbunnsclass.weebly.com](http://www.mrsbunnsclass.weebly.com). Please click on the "Classroom Updates" button to view recent posts.

A few reminders to pass on to you parents:

1. Online grading – If your son or daughter didn't provide you with a sheet containing your log in information, please let me know. Thinkwave.com allows you to be update, as a new feature is a weekly email updating you on what new assignments were added for the week.
2. Friday folders – We have are reintroducing the Friday folders. You should hopefully see a gray accordian style organizer come home each Friday. It should contain notes from me and the school, graded work, and any other important information that is for you to view.
3. As we enter second quarter it is important to reaffirm the benefits that are present in your son or daughter reading daily. Grade level texts are used for all classes, accordingly the only way to help make sure that everyone is able to do their best is making sure their reading level is where it should be. These levels can only be increased by daily reading(practice)

A few other notes:

- I have a challenge for you parents. Actively engage your child in conversation about current events, and other meaningful topics(I'm not assuming you are not), but I challenge you, if possible, to do it more. I continue to challenge the kids to speak and articulate their thoughts in clear and meaningful statements, and this can only take place if they are actively engaged. I enthusiastically challenge you because my personal observation is that the technology age we currently live in, has led to a noncommunication age, where mouths spoke in conversation before, thumbs now speak via text messages and snapchat.
- If you have any concerns about academics, daily student life, etc, please don't hesitate in stopping by, emailing, or calling.

**BLESSINGS ON YOUR WEEK! SOLI DEO GLORIA!**



**St. John Lutheran School's mission:**

**Ignite the love of learning,**

**Infuse the Word of God,**



**Inspire** tomorrow's leaders