

Kindergarten Happenings

November has been a fun month for kindergarten. In Jesus Time we learned all about Moses and the rules that God has given us because He loves us. We had a lot of fun learning about the Pilgrims and having some turkey fun. In Math the kindergarteners have been composing and decomposing numbers with Miss Niermann and in Journals they have been writing their own sentences, which are amazing! Now it is time to prepare for Christmas, which is a very exciting time.

Preschool Classrooms

Mrs. Wagner's: November was a wonderful month! We learned about four seasons and the weather that happens with each season. We have finished up our unit on Moses and learned about how God offers us His protection everyday...just as he protected Moses and the Israelites. We gave thanks for God's protection and all of the other blessings he gives us. We hosted a "Thank You God" party as we celebrated Thanksgiving. We made some awesome things in art: a cornucopia, toilet paper pumpkins, and edible turkeys. We will be making a trip with all of the preschool classes to watch the movie "THE STAR" on Monday, December 4th and we have been practicing our songs for the Christmas program on Sunday, December 10th at 2 pm. Happy holidays to all as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

Mrs. Cavin 3 year old:

November was fun. We painted with apples, made shape pumpkins, and learned about harvest time. We also learned about Fall weather. We thanked God for our blessings during our "thankful parties". We continued through the Old Testament of the Bible, spending quite a while on Moses and David. As we move into December, we will be preparing for Jesus' birthday with a lot of Christmas books, crafts, and music. We will be making a trip to watch The Star at the movies with the rest of the preschool classes. We are looking forward to our Christmas program, which will be at 2:00 on December 10th.

Mrs. Cavin Four Year Old Preschool

We have enjoyed learning about the seasons, with a focus on Fall and harvest time. We made shape scarecrows and turkey centerpieces. We made weather wheels as we learned about the weather and how it changes from season to season. We talked a lot about Thanksgiving, why we celebrate, and what it means to be thankful. In December, we will be focused on celebrating Jesus' birthday through music, books, and crafts. We will be going to the movies to watch The Star, and we will have a Christmas party. We are looking forward to our Christmas program on Sunday, December 10th.

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Merry Christmas!

I don't know about you, but my soul needs Christmas this year! I need to be entranced by fragrant evergreens ablaze with lights, limbs sagging with ornaments, glistening with tinsel and garlands.

I need my heart lifted by the enchanting music of the season, awed by the majesty of *O Come, All Ye Faithful*, tingle with *Joy to the World*, and be moved at *Silent Night* quietly sung amid twinkling candles.

I need to delight at the wonder in children's as they anticipate Christmas and be rejuvenated by their innocence as they first learn of angels, stars, wise men, shepherds and the animals. I yearn for the return of holiday cheer as people wish one another "Merry Christmas" with an extra lilt in their voice and hearts overflowing with good will and generosity. But most of all, I need to ponder again that awesome story of love which was born as a baby in the



This year, as much as any, I need the reassurance that hope is alive—God has not given up on us—but is eager to come again into our hearts and our lives.

And so, I am looking forward to the next few weeks at St. John, from the congregation Christmas Dinner, to the preschool and K - 8 Christmas programs and finally the Christmas Eve service of the senior choir.

I hope you will plan on joining me at these wonderful celebrations! Bring your family and friends! This Christmas, more than any in my memory, people of faith have been compelled to minister to desperate need with an outpouring of compassion and support.

On behalf of my husband Joe and myself, I pray that you will discover the magic of this season anew and that your Christmas-time be filled with joy, wonder, hope and peace.

May the blessings of the Christ Child fill your homes and hearts. Merry Christmas!
In Christ,
Mrs. Kosmerchock
Principal

First Grade News

The first graders have been excited about all the books in a bag they've been reading. Students received a coupon for a free Pizza Hut pizza when reaching their reading goal. In Language Arts we've been marking the nouns, verbs, and adjectives in sentences and identifying the type of sentence. It's fun learning words like imperative and interrogative. The class earned a movie party and watched Joseph, King of Dreams.

Second Grade News

November has been a busy month in the second grade. We enjoyed the Sauerkraut Supper, visited Promedica Hospital, lead a chapel service, and talked about all the reasons God gives us to be thankful. We are now getting ready for all the blessings of the Christmas season and learning more about the birth of Jesus. The students are looking forward to a science unit where we will be making our own snow in the classroom and several Christmas themed art projects.

Third Grade Classroom

November was an exciting one! The students went on 2 field trips: one to meet an author with the Defiance Public Library and the other to see the movie "Wonder". We finished up the first unit in our reading books and are getting ready to start unit two. We will soon be beginning multiplication in math and they are super excited!

Fourth Grade Language Arts with Mrs. Engel

We are moving right along through Unit 2 in our reading series. We are reading stories that have the common theme of "teamwork". In each story, we have learned that we can always accomplish more when we work together as a team. We will finish up Unit 2 in December and introduce Unit 3 right before Christmas break. Every week the students are working on becoming "super spellers". Keep up the good work

Fifth and Sixth Grade

In November, the 5th and 6th grade enjoyed gathering food for the food pantry in preparation for Thanksgiving. The students are serving in several other ways, including chapel ushering and leading morning prayers. In Religion class, we are studying the Gospel and how it transforms our lives right now. We have begun our 2nd novel of the year, a very fun journal-style book called "Al Capone Does My Shirts." The students are enjoying learning about Alcatraz in the early 1900's. They are looking forward to performing in the Christmas program and are working hard at learning their parts already.

Seventh & Eighth Grade

During the Thanksgiving season we realized how fortunate we are to have a congregation that supports a Christian Day School. The students are very happy as they go about their daily studies and special projects. They enjoyed putting Thanksgiving baskets together and St. John Freedom coming to celebrate Reformation with us. Now the excitement builds as we are working on the Christmas program (Dec. 10) and practicing our parts and our songs. It is such a beautiful time of year to celebrate Jesus and all He is and all He has for us. We still manage to work hard on our studies even as we build special memories of hearing God's Word and sharing it with others. May we all be blessed with His peace and joy this Christmas season remembering, "It is still all about Jesus!"

Mrs. Perchikoff's Classes

Look for news next month...



- 12/3 Christmas Dinner
- EC Chapel 9:15 a.m.
- 12/8 2nd Qtr. Interims
- 12/10 Christmas Programs Preschool 2:00 K - 8 3:30 p.m.
- 12/20 Christmas Assembly Early Dismissal 1 p.m.
- 12/21-1/2 Christmas Vacation - Tigers Den Open Except Christmas and NY Day

SCRIP NEWS....

STOP! Have you ordered your SCRIP for Christmas shopping? It is easy to do! Go out to our school website at stjohntigers.com and click on our SCRIP program. You can order online or at the school. Orders need to be in every Tuesday by 10 a.m. If you need help, contact Brandi Berry our SCRIP coordinator and she will be happy to help you. Your rebate can help our school earn money! We sold \$9,000 in SCRIP for Black Friday! WOW! Lets make it happen!



4th Annual Fund Event

Save the date! Mark you calendar for Saturday, February 24th from 5 – 10:30 p.m. Slammin' Sammies will be catering our Italian dinner and the Tacketts will be performing again this year. Tickets are \$25.00 each or reserve a table of 8 for \$200.00. Make plans to attend this fun filled evening!