

## Preschool Classrooms

### **Mrs. Wagner's 4 year olds:**

As we move through the school year...my, how we have grown! We have studied over half of our Alphafriend letters and the sounds associated with each letter. We continue to work on our Alphafriend pages (a collage of letters and many art mediums) that will be bound in a book for us to take home at the end of the school year. After finishing up our Houghton Mifflin "Let's Move" unit, we will use authentic construction hats and tools in our "Under Construction" project where we will draw up blueprints and create finished structures out of open-ended materials. For Jesus time, we will be learning about the meaning of Lent and the time that Jesus spent with his disciples leading up to his death on the cross....but that is not the end of the story, as we all know, there is a wonderful celebration yet to come on Easter Day!

### **Mrs. Cavin's 3 year olds:**

We are marching through the school year! We are having fun with numbers, counting and recognizing the numbers we see. We continue to learn about a new letter each week as well. At Jesus time, we are learning about the many miracles of Jesus, as well as the stories he told to teach us how to live. We are looking forward to our Easter celebration!

### **Mrs. Cavin's 4 year olds:**

We enjoyed our farmers market, and learning about the things that are grown and raised on farms. We are looking forward to our construction zone. We have also started the Let's Move unit, with songs and dance in the classroom and new toys to experience in the gym! We continue to learn how to recognize and write a new letter, and explore words that begin with that letter, each week. The children really enjoy the Alphafriends! We are learning about Jesus' miracles and teachings during Jesus time. We are looking forward to our Easter celebration!

## Kindergarten Happenings

I cannot believe that it is almost Spring! Spring is such a fun time in a kindergarten classroom. We learn about how plants grow and do some fun hands on activities with them. We also learn about all of the animals that start to come back in the Spring such as birds and frogs. Spring is a wonderful time to learn about many of the miracles Jesus performed here on Earth while we see miracles everyday as the world changes before our eyes and turns fresh and green!

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# St. John Lutheran School Newsletter

## **If anyone serves...**

"If anyone serves me, he must follow me. And where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him." John 12:26

This is a very appropriate verse as I remember my mom, Holly Bentzler, who passed away January 30. My mom dedicated a good portion of her life to teaching Sunday school and raising her family in the Word of God. She was a teacher of many. She spent many an hour reading her Bible and praying. She made sure that her children knew the Lord. My mom will be missed, but I know that she is walking with Jesus! How amazing!

I am truly blessed to be part of St. John Lutheran School. It is a vibrant place of learning with a dedicated faculty and staff who are committed to Christian Education.

Our school is characteristically different from other schools in that we are thoroughly preparing our students academically, but at the same time providing a safe and caring environment emphasizing Christian values and an active, meaningful community. We have the distinct honor of sharing God's everlasting Word with our students on a daily basis, and we pray that each one will grow strong in the Lord, realizing His love and power for their lives.

Our students participate in a variety of daily activities and enrichment opportunities that develop their potential spiritually, academically, physically, and socially.

Our teachers and staff are dedicated to providing a first-rate, well-rounded program for all. We invite you to experience the St. John difference and become a part of this growing community. Registration is happening now and we would like you to be part of the experience.

Blessings, Mrs. Kosmerchock



- 3/5 EC Chapel 9:15 a.m.
- 3/8 BCDS Mtg 7 p.m.
- 3/9-11 Jr. High Gathering
- 3/13 PTL Mtg 6:00 p.m.
- 3/16 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- 3/23 Report Cards
- 3/26 – 4/2 Spring Break

## First Grade News

The class has been happy to spend most of the winter still going outside for recess. The lack of snow and bitter cold has had one advantage. It's hard to believe March will soon be upon us. February has blessed us with a new student, Savannah. We now have 19 in our group. The students have made colorful Chihuly style paper flowers for one of our Evening With Friends Auction items. The boys and girls have made two Pixie Gardens also for the Auction. We're pretty excited about how well each project turned out. Reading skills are also blossoming. February held new confidence for students with their fluency and word attack skills. Our next big project will be designing community vehicles for the March 23 Community Night. We hope for many from the congregation to visit our gym that evening to see the school wide night of learning.

## Second Grade News

Spring is just around the corner and our class is ready! While we all loved the snow and activities winter brings with it, the second graders are now gearing up for warmer weather and a unit about planting and growing. Everyone will get to plant a variety of seeds and experiment with various growing conditions to learn how not all plants need the same amounts of water and sunlight to thrive. Just like God's children, the plants are all unique in their needs and all bring their own beauty to life. Happy Spring!

## Third Grade News

February has flown by! We have been very busy in the month of February! We are into our second Unit in Social Studies. The students are really enjoying that subject! We are well on our way to knowing our multiplication facts 1-12! We have been working on 0-6 so far! We had a really fun time at our Friendship Party. The students boxes were very creative! Book reports look fantastic! I will be hanging these up in the hall for everyone to enjoy! I will be looking into taking a field trip to the Tuttle Museum sometime in March once the weather is nice enough for us to walk.

## Fifth & Sixth Grade News

Spring is near, and with it comes a busy time for 5th and 6th graders! Last month, we enjoyed few snow days, delays and holidays, but March is all business! We are wrapping up our novel study on "From the Mixed up Files of Mrs. Basil E Frankweiler" and beginning a unit on the Holy Spirit in religion. Our prep for state assessments has begun, and spring musical rehearsals are underway. In technology class, several students submitted entries for the "Doodle for Google" scholarship competition. Many of the 5th and 6th graders finished up a great basketball season with tournaments at the end of February. Congrats on a great season!

## Seventh & Eighth Grade News

March Madness always stirs up lot of excitement for people everywhere. As for us, we are no different. We are sensing spring and all the beauty it brings. We know that soon it will be time to do the state tests and we are busy preparing for them even as we do our everyday work. We started a second fundraiser selling pizza kits, cookies and cheesecakes (don't forget: those will be in on March 22). This is to fund our class trip at the end of the year. We are excited to look forward to our class trip as we may be going to the Creation Museum and Kings Island this year rather than Chicago since our class is small. It is amazing to see how far the class has come since the beginning of the year! . Our religion classes are exciting as we study the Holy Spirit and how He works in our lives and as we study the work of the Cross-and just what exactly Jesus went through just for us. Soon, it will be Easter and that is what gives us hope because "Jesus is our hope in glory."