

St. John School News

Message from Mrs. Kosmerchock, Principal: Choosing your Attitude

How often do we as adults say to someone that we have a bad attitude? Do any of you roll your eyes, huff or mumble when asked to complete a task? Is a bad attitude inevitable? Sometimes we excuse the attitude of a child, friend or loved one by saying, "At least they did what I asked." Other times we might make the excuse that "She's tired," or "He's only eight," or "She is so busy," and ignore the attitudes that you see.

Unfortunately attitudes don't typically get better, they get worse. If the heart is in the wrong place, a crisis is just around the corner. Some people mistakenly ignore attitudes because their children or loved ones comply. We all need to learn how to respond well to the challenges of life even when they're unhappy. We all need to do things we don't want to do and respond positively even though we don't feel like it.

3 ASPECTS OF AN ATTITUDE

An attitude is more than just the behavior you see. Attitudes are heart issues that have developed from several factors including emotions and thinking errors. Emotions, like frustration, disappointment, and anger, are complicated. Jealousy, pride, and discouragement are likely to reveal themselves inappropriately as well. Often the bad attitude you see in someone is just the tip of the iceberg with complicated and intense emotions swirling around just under the surface.

Thinking errors contribute to bad attitudes as well. People may believe that just because they're unhappy they have the right to display that misery to those

around them. Furthermore, a child or adult may believe that the workload he has is unreasonable. They may believe that what they are doing is a waste of time. Another child may think that if his brother is being annoying, he has the right to punch him. Part of our job as Christians is to help others respond appropriately to emotions and to change what they believe about life. One of the ways you'll do that is by challenging bad attitudes, since bad attitudes are the flag, indicating a heart problem. Some people make the mistake of using their own emotions to overpower others, believing that, because this person is wrong, then the anger is warranted. In that case, often our own attitude is revealed, requiring some adjustments in emotional management and a change in thinking. The reality is that emotional intensity hinders closeness and, just because you're right in addressing a bad attitude, that doesn't mean that your anger is a good strategy for dealing with it.

So let's put aside our own anger and stand firm in what we believe to be right. Let's remind ourselves that firmness doesn't mean harshness. Take a moment and contemplate on what is happening. Stay calm and speak in such a manner that brings peace to others. Help others change their attitudes while you change yours. Ask Jesus to open your heart and give you a good attitude so that you are able to help others with their bad attitude!

Blessings,

Mrs. Kosmerchock, Principal

Classroom News

Preschool Classrooms

Mrs. Wagner's 4-year-old class: As we leap into March...we continue to grow in our academic and spiritual lives. We really enjoyed the month of February as we finished up our "In The City, In The

Country" Houghton Mifflin unit. As we move forward into March, we will be dancing and prancing with our "Let's Move" unit. The Gingerbread Man may go AWOL and we will be on the hunt for him once again. We will be making gingerbread men cookies to frost and eat! For

Jesus time, we will move into the season of Lent, and will be learning about the bible stories that led up to Jesus' parade into Jerusalem. We are growing in our faith everyday as we gain the trust Jesus is our best friend, He is always with us, and we can talk to him anytime & anywhere!

3-year-old class Mrs. Cavin

We have been working on writing our names, number recognition, and our cutting skills. We will be learning about different kinds of animals, and pet care with our classroom veterinary office. We will also enjoy playing with trains and building elaborate tracks. We enjoyed our Valentines Day parties, and have been learning about Jesus' love for all of us. We will continue to learn about the many wonderful things that Jesus did, and taught, in his lifetime.

Kindergarten Happenings Mrs. Stottlemyer

February is always such a fun and busy month in my classroom! We are ready for March and for spring to start arriving. We have been busy practicing for our performance for The Night of the Arts in April and making some fun art to display. As always we are reading more and more and I think we have a few future authors in our classroom. During Jesus Time we have been learning about many of the miracles that Jesus performed during His time on Earth. This year certainly is going by fast!

First Grade News Mrs. Jan McGhee

March is looking a little green for the first grade! This isn't so much because of St. Patrick's Day but because of our gardening. Soon the south window of the hall will contain seed trays and a greenhouse. The planting will continue through the end of May. We look forward to flowers, vegetable and herb plants. As for the middle of the month, the children will all have Irish names for a day!

We'll continue to do Accelerated Reading tests on the computers and begin practicing for the Chapel service that we will lead in April. Now that we've learned the Apostle's Creed with motions it's time to move on to the Books of the Bible.

Second Grade News Mrs. Cheryl Yoder

February is such a fun time to learn about the love of Jesus. The students enjoyed learning about and researching some of the miracles of Jesus over the past month. In math we are beginning our chapter on money, which is always a favorite. We are separating and counting coins now, and will add in bills soon. Everyone is excited about The Night of the Arts and they have all been talking about which projects we will choose to display. Of course, they are also excited that spring is right around the corner!

Third Grade Classroom Mrs. Tiffany Scheurich

We had a very busy February! We have finished up our chapters on multiplication in Math and will be learning about fractions! We have just finished our unit in science on Properties of Matter. The students have been enjoying the labs! We will be learning about the environment and natural resources in social studies soon. The health department has been coming in to present a unit on eating healthy. We even had a taste testing of different foods! In reading we have learned about different types of verbs. We have spent religion class discussing confession and absolution. We have been working on becoming better writers and recently wrote short stories based on different pictures in our writing center in the classroom. We have also been watching and studying bald eagles on a live streaming eagle cam. The students have been very excited to see the eagles as they come and go from their nest. March is sure to be just as fun and exciting!

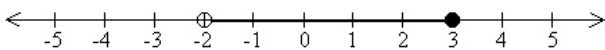
Fourth Grade Classroom Miss Carli Rossow

The quote that has been hanging in our classroom says: The dictionary is the only place where success comes before work. Well, we've been working hard. While long division has been our focus in math for several weeks, we are now working on Patterns and Sequences and getting ready for fractions! In Ohio History, we are learning about Ohio's role during the Civil War and the growth of Industry. Have you ever taken a ride down a canal in a boat dragged by a horse or oxen? Have you ever visited a house with a secret room that was used in the Underground Railroad? What are your thoughts on Pronouns? We think they're pretty cool so don't forget to clarify your pronouns so people know which noun you're talking about! Literature has us keeping busy. For Book-It this month, we're supposed to read either a Science Fiction or Fantasy book. Our classroom stories are a little more down to earth with mystery and intrigue, environmentally conscious, as well as history in the making with the Navajo Code Talkers & ancient Egypt.

Fifth & Sixth Grade Religion – Miss Rossow

In Religion class, we are looking into the life and times of Israel in captivity. Elisha, Hezekiah, Jonah, Jeremiah, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, and Queen Esther will all make an appearance as we study how God was using events to rid them of idolatry, strengthen their faith, and leading them to repentance and reliance on Him before bring them home back to the promised land.

6th grade math has us working with equations and soon functions & inequalities -OH, MY! Solving for unknowns, order of operations, variables, input, output, greater than, less than... we're definitely keeping busy! Do you remember when to use an open dot or a closed dot while graphing inequalities?



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR “NIGHT OF THE ARTS” APRIL 18 FROM 5 – 6:30 P.M.

Mrs. Perchikoff's Classes

The 5th & 6th grade reading class has finished up their second novel, “Indian in the Cupboard.” The students enjoyed reading the novel and spending time discussing the book. The 4th – 8th grade science classes will be working in physical sciences discovering forces, matter, energy and so much more.

Seventh & Eighth Grade Miss Pat Marshall

February was really something else. We hit record lows and record highs all within a week of each other!

So, it feels good to settle into March and concentrate on what is ahead of us. We have finished the basketball season and tournaments and had lots of fun doing it! Now, we are looking forward to Lent and Easter. In religion we will be taking a look an article written by a certified medical doctor who studied what Jesus actually went through physically, medically speaking, before and during the Passion of our Lord. It is really quite interesting and if you would like a copy of the article please see me and request a copy. In pre-algebra, we will be concentrating on geometry. Of course, we will soon begin research papers, a study of the Constitution and other exciting academics. It is wonderful to see the students growing academically but also in their faith as time goes by!



March 2 – “An Evening with Friends”

March 5 – EC Chapel 9:15 a.m.

March 8 – BCDS mtg 7 p.m.

March

March 14 – PTL mtg. 6:30 p.m.

March 16 – End 3rd Quarter

March 26 – 30 – Spring Break/TD Open