

St. John School News

Message from Mrs. Kosmerchock, Principal: Following the Lord's Plan

Many of my messages over the past 6 years has focused on Jeremiah 29:11, ¹¹"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." I truly believe that throughout my 23 years of ministry the Lord has guided my families' life. He has led us to Minnesota, Nebraska, and now Ohio. I believe that the Lord has guided Joe and I through it all. Last fall we put it in God's hand and He has continued to guide us. We asked Him what He had in store for us. Well, our house sold in 10 days, and we found an apartment with a 6-month lease. Now, Joe received employment in Wisconsin.

So, after much prayer and contemplation Joe and I have decided that I am going to retire from the ministry after this school year. I am able to do this at 55 according to Concordia Retirement Plan. I have had the privilege of leading the staff and families of St. John Lutheran Church and School for six years.

There have been many joys and challenges during this time, which has made my faith stronger and I

believe the Lord is guiding me to step away from the ministry at this time. The ministry has been my life for 23 years and it is who I am. Retiring has not been as easy decision, but I feel that the Lord has a plan for the next chapter of my life. I look forward to the new plan He has for me!

I am honored to have been part of St. John for 6 years and to watch the teachers and the families grow in Christ! I love talking to former students, congregational members and the community about the impact St. John has had on them. I believe in the school and I know the Lord will continue to guide it.

Thank you for the support you have given me, as principal and leader of St. John. You will all be remembered and thought of always!

Blessings,

Mrs. Kosmerchock, Principal

Classroom News

Mrs. Wagner's 4-year-old class:

As we finish up our "Growing Up Healthy" Unit in mid-March, we will then begin to delve into Unit 7 "Nature All Around Us." The **benefits** of being in **nature** for **children** are endless!

In the past decade, the benefits of connecting nature have been well documented in numerous scientific research studies and publications. Collectively, this body of research shows that children's social, psychological, academic and physical health is positively impacted when they have daily contact with

nature. We will be investigating how plants grow, what's in the sky, our weather, and the seasons. Since Easter is a little later this year, we will be sharing some extra bible stories with our students. Those stories include Jesus Changes Water into Wine, The Prodigal Son, Jesus Walks on the Water, and The Good Shepherd.

Mrs. Cavin - 3-year-old class

We are marching right through the school year! Our class enjoyed all of the dress-up days during National Lutheran Schools Week! We are finishing up In the Country, In the City with an in-class farmer's market. We have enjoyed learning where the different foods and products we use come from. We have also had fun comparing sets of different things, and looking at farm animals and their offspring. We even enjoyed a visit from an adorable puppy! Our next unit of study will be Let's Move. We will have a lot of fun moving our bodies, as well as making other things move. We have been learning all about the life of Christ, his many miracles, and about how much he loves us. We are looking forward to continuing to learn about and sing praises to our Savior!

Kindergarten Happenings

Mrs. Stottlemyer

February was a great month in our classroom! We celebrated Groundhogs Day, the 101st Day of School, Valentines Day, Presidents Day, and we had our grandparents visit us! Now we are ready for spring to come. In Jesus Time we have been learning about Jesus' time on Earth and the miracles that He performed. In Math we have been practicing how to add and subtract. We have even had a couple of Munchie Math days. I am so proud of how well my students are reading. In February and March we learn about Super Silent e!

First Grade News

Mrs. Jan McGhee

February has flown by. The class did a presentation for the Ladies Aid. The children sang, did recitations, and even played the hand chimes. During the first week of February we were busy making Valentine cards for a veteran. The date for the 100th Day of School Celebrations kept getting changed due to two

snow and ice days. For our celebration we brought in 100 items ranging from Cheerio's to game pieces. We enjoyed games with challenging Math and Comprehension skills. In March we will see who can figure out the clues to catching the leprechaun who keeps moving the guinea pig cage. Along with being detectives, we will also continue practicing keyboarding skills, STAR Math and Reading growth, and work on gaining points with the AR testing.

Second Grade News

Mrs. Cheryl Yoder

The second graders have been enjoying lots of activities over the past month. We celebrated the 100th day of school and Valentine's Day in the same week! We also finished our science unit on simple machines and they are very excited to put that knowledge to use when we build leprechaun traps for a fun STEM project in March. In math, they learned all about money. We even set up a store in the classroom for one of our lessons where we practiced buying things and making change. Soon we will be moving on to data analysis and telling time.

Third Grade Classroom

Mrs. Tiffany Scheurich

Third graders have been very busy this month! We have learned our times tables through 7s! They are doing great at memorizing their facts! We have started learning about fractions. In science, we have been learning about natural resources and how to help conserve them. In social studies, we finished up studying different cultures and have started learning about maps! We made a globe out of paper mache and a map of Ohio from dough! In reading, we just finished reading a story about the universe and we put on a skit for 2nd grade about a Native American legend! In religion, we are talking about the parts of the worship service. We will be beginning a unit on God's gifts of grace.

Fourth Grade - Miss Carli Rossow

4th grade is still taking on history by storm. Where are we now? Well, we're moved on from canals & railroads to the rise of industry here in Ohio and have been learning about Ohio's early inventors. We're visiting the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York (via internet and books) with two kids who have decided they wanted an adventure. We're finishing up with the Old Testament with Daniel and his comrades in the fiery furnace as well as Naaman & Elisha, and heading into the New Testament with the ministry of Jesus. Our Multiplication days are a distant memory that keeps popping up as we strive forward into the world of Long Division... Whoa!!! Did you see that? Was that someone riding a tornado? Over there I see a giant blue ox? Look at that kid running down the street... I have a feeling that someone's been telling the fourth graders some tall tales. Stay tuned to hear more. ;-)

Fifth & Sixth Grade – Miss Mews

Have you ever set a goal for yourself? Have you ever felt the joy of achieving that goal? Students in the 5th and 6th grade have created their own academic goal and are working towards achieving them as we work our way to the end of the year. This year, students have been working hard on understanding the structure of sentences. For the continuation of this year, students will learn how to properly use punctuation in their sentences. For the entire junior high, students have shifted gears from soccer to learn the various ways you can play kickball. All we need is that spring weather...

Mrs. Perchikoff's Classes

4th graders and 6th graders will be moving from environmental science to the physical sciences (matter and energy). We always start with matter - learning about solids, liquids, and gases. 5th and 7/8th graders will be finishing up with ecosystems and how energy passes through living things. In math, 5th graders will be learning about fractions. 6th graders are learning about algebraic concepts such as

expressions and equations. 7th graders are also working on algebra: equations and inequalities.

Seventh & Eighth Grade Mrs. Alexis Phillips

The upper grades are all (relatively) in the same time period for history! We're all learning about the government that our Founding Fathers created and what all is in a government. 8th grade math is wrapping things up with volume and surface area. It's a pretty rough subject, so we're taking our time with it. In reading, we are reading non-fiction novels. For ELA, we are learning about appositives and different ways to use a comma. Diagramming is not our favorite thing to do, but we are getting the hang of it. We love that we finally understand it!

