

Mrs. Bunn's Classroom

Grades 2-4 The students did two lessons in religion class this week, "Jesus is Rejected in Nazareth" and "Healing in the Synagogue at Capernaum". The first lesson we learned what happened when Jesus declared himself to be the Messiah in his hometown. At first some were impressed with Jesus, but then they rejected him and were so angry that they even tried to put him to death. The message for us in this lesson is that we want to hear God's Word often, because when we do the Holy Spirit uses God's Word to strengthen our faith so that we do not reject Jesus. In the second lesson, we learned how Jesus chose a new "home base". He decided that Capernaum would be his headquarters and taught in the synagogue there. The people were amazed at the authority of his word and how he could even drive evil spirits out of a man. Even the evil spirits confessed that Jesus was the Son of God. The message for us in this lesson is that we know that the Holy Spirit leads us to respond to Jesus' saving work and power by worshipping him. We are so thankful for his amazing love!

Report cards are being created this week and were sent home in this week's Friday folder. Please keep an eye out for this and information regarding parent/teacher conferences.

Grades 5-8 The students took their second STAR reading assessment this past week. The first test was taken the first week of the school year to establish a baseline or starting point. I also use the results of that test to determine your child's reading levels and goals for the quarter. As was expected, our reading levels were lower than what we typically experienced in pre-covid times. Thankfully, with extra time spent in ELA with lots of review, we were able to recover and make some tremendous gains this quarter. We're not done yet, so please keep encouraging your child to keep up with his/her independent reading. With extra time spent on reading practice, I'm confident we'll quickly get back on track.

Please keep an eye out for report cards in this week's Friday folder. Information about parent/teacher conferences will be included. I would like to meet with all parents in this classroom as well. Please plan to do conferences with me and Mr. Raddatz.

***Thank you to all parents in grades 2-8 for all the Fall party snack supplies you sent in. The students really enjoyed this moment to return to the fun and "normalcy" of this type of celebration. You were so generous that there were some unopened extras that I was able to put away and save those snack supplies for future parties.

Mr. Raddatz's Classroom News

Encouragements for 2nd Quarter

Always make use of the homework binder, and **A**lways check it each day

Be prepared for school by making sure to get enough sleep each and every night

Contact the class teacher's if the rule of three applies (look yourself, ask someone near, ask the teacher)

Don't forget the importance of reading. Read directions thoroughly, read problems carefully, and read books.

Engage yourself **I**N your work. Give full attention to what you are doing by eliminating all distractions. **F**ocus, **F**ocus.

Faith. Believe that God has given you the tools to find success, now it is time to use them. Believe that God will carry you through these very unique and challenging times.

Guard your minds, by faithfully studying, carefully examining, persistently questioning, and thoughtfully making decisions

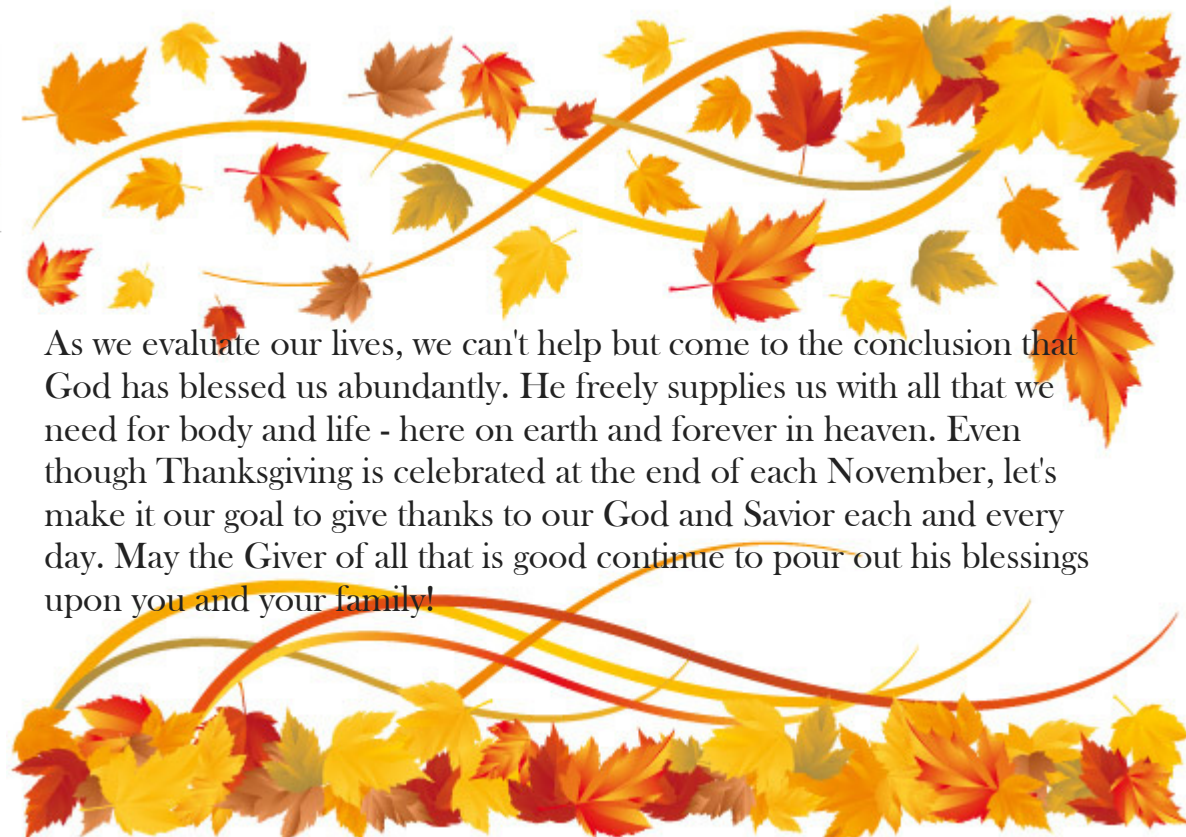
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A message from Pastor Gehl

One of my grandpas, my dad, a few uncles, and several classmates served in the US Military - in one branch or another. I greatly appreciate their service - alone with all those who have served to defend the freedoms that you and I enjoy and so often take for granted. This week Wednesday, we celebrate Veterans Day. Besides showing our appreciation, we also can show support to those who continue to experience emotional and physical trauma from their days of combat. In our church, we are also smack dab in the middle of celebrating the season of End Times. We especially remember how our Savior-King fought the greatest battle of them all - against sin, death, Satan, and hell - and came out on top as the Eternal Victor. Because of all the conflict, violence, hatred, and animosity in this world - because it so often seems that our world is spinning out of control - we often forget that Jesus, our Savior, still lives and rules supreme. It must not be forgotten that Jesus is still in control of the events of our world, even as we struggle to see how and why he does what he does. His goal is always to bless his people and the preaching of his gospel so that his will is done, and his Church prevails. May he always help us to trust in that, even if we can't figure it all out. Jesus, thank you for fighting to free me from the guilt of sin and for preserving me during this life until you bring me safely to eternal life! In Christ's service and yours!

Pastor Mike Gehl



As we evaluate our lives, we can't help but come to the conclusion that God has blessed us abundantly. He freely supplies us with all that we need for body and life - here on earth and forever in heaven. Even though Thanksgiving is celebrated at the end of each November, let's make it our goal to give thanks to our God and Savior each and every day. May the Giver of all that is good continue to pour out his blessings upon you and your family!

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Happy November!

The weather starting this month was beautiful! We definitely took advantage of it here at school and played a few learning games outside instead of inside of the classroom. I hope that you were all able to get out and enjoy it!

We have a few things coming up in the next few weeks here at school. Fall Parent Teacher conferences will take place on Wednesday, November 18th. Please watch for communication for information on how to pick some time slots as this will be arriving to you soon! I look forward to chatting with all of you.

We have started the second quarter of the school year! Time sure does fly. School wide, our community outreach for this quarter is focusing on encouraging and uplifting those that are shut in and unable to leave their homes, or are in assisted living facilities where they likely have not seen their family, friends, or grandchildren since before March of this year. We will be doing Thanksgiving cards for them, and Christmas cards and gifts. If you feel a pull to assist or donate, please reach out to me. Information has sent home last week in your child's folder. Thanksgiving cards are due to me by **Friday, November 20th** (if you as an adult would like to do one for someone that needs some encouraging this season, send it to school with your child). Any Christmas gifts, cards, or money to be used for Christmas gifts for this can be donated to my classroom by **Friday, December 11th**. Thank you so much for those that already donated to this wonderful opportunity! Your gifts, and cards will be going to the elderly in the Wrightstown and Green Bay areas.

Last week in my room, the children learned about the 10 commandments and how God gave them to Moses and the people of Israel. They had a lot of good questions! We talked about how rules were good or bad (good, they keep you safe) and how God's rules (commandments) are good too. This week, we will talk about the God's people worshipping the Golden Calf. Last week in Math, we focused on number 0-10 recognition and putting those numbers in order and started to get a pretty good grasp of how to do connect the dot activities that reinforced number recognition. Last week in literacy we learned about the letter L.

Have a great few weeks as we go deeper into November! As always, please let me know if you need anything. -Jamie Buss

Mrs. Foelske's Classroom

November already!?!?! How time flies when having fun. Preschool is feeling confident in our rules and procedures around the classroom. Do we forget every once in a while? Yes, but we have started to remind each other (still working on how to do that politely).

Bible story is all about Moses. We have talked about the Israelites leaving Egypt by crossing the Red Sea, next will be Moses receiving the 10 commandments.

Preschool just finished the letter F and is moving on to G. We love our new songs for 4, yellow, and triangle. Preschool was surprised this month with the addition of patterns and chain counting at calendar time.

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However, the biggest hit are all the new toys! Bricks, flower builders, dinosaurs, rainbow blocks, new puzzles, a doctor play area, and a light table have all been added to our room. It is hard for us to decide what to play with! Good thing we have them for a while month.

Please remember to sign up for a time for parent-teacher conferences on Nov. 18. Look for a Sign-Up Genius email to come soon. This is the best way for me to have a sit down with you and let you know how things are going. This is also a great time for you to let me know any questions or concerns you have about your child.

Even though we had some amazing weather, please start to bring those jackets, hats, and mittens. Start digging out boots and snow pants because let us face it, we live in Wisconsin and sadly it could snow at any time.

As always contact me with any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Alexa Foelske



Mrs. Wicks' Classroom

Now that we are done with first quarter and have entered second quarter, it is a good time to check on some things for our class. Parents, please ask your child if they need new markers. We have some very enthusiastic colorers who have already used up the ink in several markers. As we get back into cold weather, be sure to send warm coats, hats, and gloves or mittens. I recommend a thick, waterproof style as our little fingers get very cold in the stretchy knit kind.

Please also be sure to sign up for Parent-Teacher Conferences for next Wednesday, November 18th. If you are unable to meet with me during our scheduled day and times, let me know and we will schedule something that works for you. This is our required set of conferences, so it is important to meet with all of you.

Mrs. Wicks