

# Immanuel/Children of Grace Newsletter

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## Calendar

- ◆ Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> B. Ball practice
- ◆ Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> B. Ball practice
- ◆ Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> B. Ball practice
- ◆ Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> Hodgepodge show, Potluck, & Early Dismissal
- ◆ Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> - Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> No School
- ◆ Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> School resumes

## Upcoming Events

### DECEMBER 22

A hodgepodge show, potluck and early dismissal, is Fri. Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>. The show will start at 10:30am & consists of various talents chosen by the students. Each class will perform together and the rest are volunteer talents. A potluck will follow starting around 11:30am & students will be dismissed right after lunch. Families with last names beginning A-G are asked to bring a dessert, last names H-P a side dish, & Q-Z a main dish.

### SNOW CLOTHING

Please check your child's snow gear. Waterproof gloves should be sent with them; they are playing in the snow & get very wet & cold quickly! Also make sure they have a winter coat, (layers) hats, boots, & snow pants. With the wind, it gets pretty cold on the playground.

## Preschool News

This week we celebrated Jesus' birth! Merry Christmas Early! We discovered the number '8'. We also B-B-babied our way with the letter 'B'. We enjoyed our 1<sup>st</sup> snowfall on the playground! For our centers we tried to write our friends names, then we pinched Christmas light letters that we chose. We tumbled our block towers that were built with our dice numbers. Reminder, we have our book exchange on Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> for our classroom Christmas celebration.

## BASKETBALL

Please note the change in the schedule. The Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> game at St. Peter's is cancelled. We've added Concordia Classical Academy, out of Mankato, to our schedule, & still waiting to hear from St. A's. Our first game will be Saturday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> @ Sleepy Eye at 10:30am. An updated basketball game schedule will be sent out.

## LATCHKEY

Barbara DeVries & her family will be on vacation Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> - Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>. If anyone needs latchkey care during the first two weeks of January, please contact Teresa Ross (320) 305-9262 or email [taross316@gmail.com](mailto:taross316@gmail.com) or find her on Facebook - 'Teresa Papke Ross'. She is aware of the current schedule & will have Barbara's binder of contracts. Thanks!

## FRIDAY HOT LUNCH

Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> Washburn

Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> Potluck



Next week's snack is Eddie, the following week is Carson.  
*Preschool funny:* Since we've been talking about the baby Jesus...we've been hearing a lot of interesting baby stories. One boy "never wants to have a baby", one girl declared "My daddy looks like he's going to have a baby!" This prompted another child to say that "his dad was as small as a stick...this big (holds his hands about 6in. apart) he can't have a baby!" Enjoy the giggles & have a great weekend! ☺



*“Train a child  
in the way he  
should go, and  
when he is old  
he will not  
turn from it.”  
Proverbs 22:6*

## Mrs. Utsch’s Room

In kindergarten math we constructed picture graphs to answer questions; solved problems by using the strategy make a graph, read & interpreted a tally table, & made a tally table. In reading we associated letters with initial sounds, sequenced events, discussed “what ifs” & sleepovers, read the story “*Icky’s What Ifs*”, identified the capital & lowercase ‘Tt’, identified initial & final /t/, associated Tt with initial & final /t/, discussed musical instruments, & wrote the capital & lowercase ‘Tt’.

In 1<sup>st</sup> grade math we used Venn diagrams to sort & classify objects by common attributes, sorted & classified objects into 3 groups by common attributes, made concrete graphs from organized data & used the data to make comparisons, read & compared data from a picture graph, & solved problems by using the skill make & use a graph. In reading we decoded CVCe words with endings *-ing*, & *-ed*, applied spelling rules for adding *-ing* & *-ed* endings, used context clues to complete sentences, & read the story “*Golly Helps*”.

In 2<sup>nd</sup> grade math we continued to practice 2-digit subtraction with & without regrouping, rewrote 2-digit subtraction from horizontal to vertical formats & found differences with & without regrouping, used addition to

## Mr. Gephart’s Room

This week in math 8<sup>th</sup> grade is working on slope & writing equations in slope-intercept form & standard form. In 7<sup>th</sup> grade we are working on proportions & similar figures. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders are multiplying fractions, 5<sup>th</sup> grade are dividing decimals & 4<sup>th</sup> graders are working on collecting data & putting that data into groups.

In grammar, we are learning about linking verbs & subject/verb agreement. Dec. is science project month. The students are split into groups & each group will be making a Rube Goldberg project. It’s a machine with lots of

check subtraction using the inverse operation of addition, & used rounding to estimate differences in 2-digit subtraction. For reading we encoded pattern words with c/s, g/j, used sequence words, edited & rewrote sentences, used abbreviations in letters & wrote addresses correctly, & used the word *while* correctly.

In 3<sup>rd</sup> grade math we multiplied with the factors 0, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, & solved problems by using the strategy draw a picture. In reading we read the story “*A Symphony of Whales*”. The skill we focused on was generalization to aid comprehension. We also read a magazine article titled “He Listens to Whales”.

In 3<sup>rd</sup> grade social studies we identified the features of a rural community, used hemisphere, equator, & prime meridian to find locations, & located places using latitude & longitude. In 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade we described the 3 branches of our government, compared & contrasted local, state, & national governments, & used a map key to locate information. Our religion stories this week were ‘The Plagues’ & ‘The Passover’. Our application to our lives is faith in God leads people to gladly obey his commands & God has saved us from death in hell by the blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God.

simple machines with the goal of popping a balloon. We’ll find out the week of Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> which groups were successful. In lower history, we are talking about the immigrants that moved to MN. In upper history we talked about the new trading system set up between Europe, Asia, & the New America’s.

I hope your Christmas Season is joyful as we get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Savior!

Next week’s schedule:

Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> gr. math test (ch. 5)

Fri. 8<sup>th</sup> gr. math test (ch. 5)

All grades spelling test (lesson 16)

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