



St. Michael Lutheran School

News from First Grade!

March 11, 2018

Special Dates

Singing and Roller Skating!

Our students will be singing at the Lamplight service at St. Michael Lutheran Church next Saturday. After the service an evening of skating is planned. Please see the emails from PTL that have been sent so you can be a part of this evening of fun for the whole family!



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Parent/Teacher conferences will be held April 10 and 12, the week after Spring Break. A form will be sent home this week indicating if I am requesting a conference. Please respond by March 23 telling me if you would like to have a conference. Even if I have not requested a conference, parents are welcome to request one. Please let us know the date and time of your preference. Thank you!

The bus trip for the concert at the Chenery location for the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra's presentation will be Tuesday, March 13. Please have your child wear their SMLS polo shirt. We will board the bus at 11:15 and return by 1:30 p.m. The students will eat their lunch early, before boarding the bus, and have their snack when we return. There are spots available if parents wish to attend. Please let me know if you are interested. Parents may need to drive to Chenery because of bus space limitations, but there are seats available for the performance.

Tuesday, March 13

**Bus Trip to Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra
11:15 to 1:30p.m.**

Saturday, March 17

**Sing at Lamplight 5pm
Roller Skating follows!**

Sunday, March 18

School Open House 3-4 p.m.

Friday, March 30

**Good Friday
No School
April 1
Easter**

Monday-Friday, April 2-6

Spring Break

Monday, April 9

School Resumes

Tuesday and Thursday, April 10 and 12

Optional Parent Teacher Conferences

Theme Verse:

"Listen my son, and be wise and keep your heart on the right path." Proverbs 23:19

One in Christ

Learning about God

It's a miracle! Jesus stopped the storm! It's a miracle! Jesus heals broken hearts. The class will read about both of these miracles this week. Jesus is all powerful and we can depend on Him to understand our weakness.

Our ABC's for Lent have included O for Offering. Bringing coins to church is one kind of offering. Jesus offered Himself, for our sins. What can we offer Him? The class learned that we can offer our prayers, our praise, our songs and ourselves. When we help others, we are showing that we love Jesus. This week each student has focused on the needs of others. Helping with a spilled pencil box, opening a door, even zipping a coat or loaning boots to a friend show our love of Jesus to others.



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Reading Goals

This week the phonics lessons will be the sound for long i, in words like *pie* and *high*. The class will also learn about silent letters as in the *k* knife and the *w* in *wrong*.

Our selection is "Lady in the Moon." This is realistic fiction about a festival celebrated in China. The class will discuss realism and fantasy.

The spelling list is attached.

Our class has become a class of readers! Thank you for encouraging reading at home. Screens are fun and at times educational. But nothing can replace having a book with real pages in a child's hands.



LEVER



INCLINED PLANE



WEDGE



PULLEY



SCREW

Math

The class will add 10 to a number using pennies, organize number cards from 1 to 100, use unit blocks for counting by 100's, and begin to learn the sums for 10, a most important skill in math!

Science and Social Studies

Mr. Flick came last Wednesday, and will come each of the next four Wednesdays, to teach the class fundamentals of economics. Next week the class will consider what is a real need, and what is a want. Good questions for all of us.

Machines and their use will be the subject of our science lessons.

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