



St. Michael Lutheran School

News from First Grade!

November 5, 2017

Special Dates

Clocks Change! Fall Back!

TRIP TO BIRD SANCTUARY

Our trip will be on Tuesday, November 7th to the Bird Sanctuary. All permission forms are in. Thank you! Parents who are not driving may accompany. There will be a \$4.00 charge for each parent. Thanks to PTL, the students' admission is paid. If your child needs booster seat, please send it along on Tuesday morning. We hope to leave about 8:15 a.m. We will return for lunch, so I will provide a general snack for that morning which we hope to eat at the sanctuary. Please note the weather and have your child dressed for an outdoor adventure. We will be walking through the sanctuary and observing birds in their habitats. If your family has binoculars you would like to send along, I know the students would like to use them!



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER due next Friday, November 10, will be the last one before Christmas. Books make great gifts. Please sure to order online or send in your check with your order. Thank you!

Picture Retakes are Wednesday, November 15 from 10:00 am. To 12:30pm.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD will begin next week. Our class would like to pack a box or two. Please send in things that could go into the box. For information on what to send in, please go to the Samaritan's Purse website and check out the Operation Christmas Child information. We hope to pack our box(es) on Thursday, November 16th. Thank you for your support!

Tuesday, November 7

Bird Sanctuary Field Trip

Friday, November 10

Report Cards sent home

Wednesday, November 15

Picture Retakes

November 13-17

Operation Christmas Child box collecting and packing

Thursday-Tuesday

November 16-21

Book Fair in the Library

Sunday, November 19

SMLS students sing at the 8:30a.m. service at St. Michael

Monday and Tuesday, November 20 and 21

Parent Conferences

November 22-26

Thanksgiving Break

Thursday, Dec. 7

Christmas Program K-8

1:00 and 6:30 p.m

Theme Verse:

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



All students have memorized all the assigned verses so far this year! They even have memorized Luther's morning prayer, which we pray together each morning! They received a book mark when they recited the prayer to me. Great work! New verses are coming home on Monday!

This week our class will begin the next unit entitled God Blesses a Nation. How did God create a nation out of the millions of people who had been wandering in the desert for 40 years? He selected leaders who would help the nation follow Him. The leaders were not sinless; they were sinful just as all God's children are. But God was their leader. He worked things out for their good, and according to His plan. We can trust that God is still doing that today, in our world. There are no sinless leaders, for sure. And we know that God is Sovereign. His will shall be done! Join our class as we pray for our country and our leaders.



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Reading Goals

New sounds this week are long i, again with a silent e, and the *wh, ch, and tch* sounds. Our selection asks the question "Who Works Here?" A variety of community workers are featured in the text. They all make the community a nice place to live. **The class would like to hear where their parents work. Any parent who is able to visit us during school hours is invited to give a brief (10 minutes or so) description of their work in the community. The invitation is for this week and next week. Let me know what time is good for you. As long as we don't have a "special" class or lunch, we can stop what we are doing and listen to our speaker. Thanks for making time for this, if you can!**

Spelling words can be challenging, so we are trying to write them in sentences! Going over homework and practicing the words aloud really help in learning.

Math

This week math lessons include adding 0 to a number, using pattern blocks to cover a shape, counting by 10s to 100 and beyond, using line segments and subtracting 1 from a number. Although it seems like the lessons jump from one concept to another, you can see by the homework that concepts are frequently revisited and therefore reviewed.

The scores on our fact and written assessments show that learning is definitely taking



place and the whole class is doing very well in math.

Science

The class has begun to study birds. We hope to see them in their habitats on our trip and we will also have a bird expert visit our classroom on November 14. Ask your child what birds he or she can identify!

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