

5th Grade Newsletter

Holy Cross
Lutheran School
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Message from the Teacher

Each year in February, our middle school basketball teams participate in a Lutheran school basketball tournament held at Topeka Lutheran School. This is a big deal for our middle school, and has been for many years. To build school spirit, and get our teams pumped up to do their best, we will have "Spirit Week" next week. It will include special dress days during the week that the whole school can participate in. The special dress for each day is as follows:

Mon. Feb. 12—Superhero Day

Tues. Feb. 13—Denim Day

Wed. Feb. 14—Chapel Day, wear school uniform

Thur. Feb. 15—Blue & White Spirit Day

If students choose not to participate in the special dress days, they should wear their normal school dress. If participating in the spirit day, jeans may be worn with the spirit dress. See the school newsletter for more detail. Spirit Week will conclude with a pep rally at the end of the day on Thurs. at 2:30. All are welcome!

Wednesday, Feb. 14 is Valentines Day, and we will have a class party starting around 2:35. Students can bring valentines for their classmates, but we won't distribute them until our party. The 5th graders wanted to do something special for the party, so we are having a contest to see who can create the best Valentine box. This is optional, and only those who want to, should participate. Boxes should be decorated and brought to school by Wed. morning. Please limit the amount of

money you spend to make your box to around 3 or 4 dollars, or just make do with what you have around the house! I will provide some construction paper for those who need it.

Starting around Feb. 20th we will be taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills achievement tests in grades K-8. We won't be taking tests everyday, but will finish by Feb. 28th. These tests will help us determine the academic growth of our students, and will help us to see areas of strength and weakness. We need to encourage all students to do their very best on these tests. Please make sure your children are getting plenty of rest and are eating a good breakfast during this testing period. Thanks!

If you weren't in church last Sunday, you may have missed the promotional video that was created for our school. Students and teachers that were in the video did a great job telling about what makes our school special. If you missed the chance to see the video, go to our school web site. It is posted there.

A yearbook order form was sent home earlier this week with your student. The deadline for ordering a yearbook is Feb. 28th. You can send the order form and check back to school, or you can order and pay online. Please see the school newsletter for information about how to order online.

I still could use one more driver for our field trip to Hutchinson on Tues. Feb. 27. Let me know if you would like to drive. Thanks!

Spelling Words

The words for next week come from Unit 4 Week 1. These words all have the sounds of /el/ & /en/. The words are:

slogan	signal	angle
woolen	global	nozzle
listen	bushel	scissors
heron	marvel	pillar
frighten	barrel	governor
lengthen	practical	dungeon
captain	pretzel	salmon
mountain	fable	
sandal	chuckle	



Memory Work

This week we finished our Unit on Jesus and how he has provided us with salvation, and now we will start on our new unit on The Lord's Prayer. The focus of our first lessons will be on what discipleship is and what it means to be a disciple or follower of Christ. Our memory work for next week reminds us that God has chosen us as His children, and tells how we should respond to others as His children.

Looking Ahead:

Mon. Feb. 12-15	Spirit Week
Wed. Feb. 14	Valentines Party, 2:35
Wed. Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday
Thurs. Feb. 15	Topeka Tourn. Pep Rally, 2:30
Fri. Feb. 16	No School, Teacher In-service
Feb. 16 & 17	Topeka Basketball Tourn.
Mon. Feb. 20	No School, Presidents Day
Feb. 20-28	Iowa Tests of Basic Skills
Tues. Feb. 27	Field Trip to STRATACA

Thurs. Feb. 15

Therefore as God's chosen people, holy and dearly beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:12&13

Thurs. Feb. 22

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35

Don't Forget!
PTL Fun Night
is tonight!