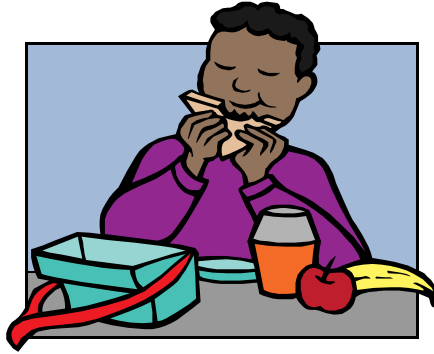


BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL WEEKLY NOTE

September 14, 2009



Welcome Back Students

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS:

Kindergarten/Preschool: In Kindergarten, we are having fun working with our new reading program “The Phonics Museum”! We have been reading back to school books and making apple artwork! We are happy to have our Preschoolers who started Friday.

1st/2nd: 1st and 2nd grade is looking at plants in science. What they need to grow, how we use them, and how they are different. In geography we read a story about two characters named Latitude and Longitude. In Shurley English we are discussing how by being organized will make them better students. This week we look forward to starting History, Latin and Spelling!

3rd/4th and 5th: The 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classroom would like to welcome Giovanna Wright to our room. She is a 4th grader from St. Beatrice. Welcome Giovanna !

This first week of school we spent time getting our supplies put away, passing our next books and doing some work. In Literature class, we read “The Spy on 3rd Base”. In Science class, we examined our fingerprints. We took our prints and then determined if we had a loop, whorl or arch print. Then we used some Math skills – probability and fractions. We found out that 2/16 had arch, 2/16 had whorl, and 12/16 had loop prints. Ask them about their fingerprints.

We ended the week by doing a metal work project – a lantern. Using a large can, filled with ice, we taped a pattern of their choice to the can. Then we used nails and hammers to pound out the design. After the ice melted, we put a candle inside.

Check our webpage to see pictures of our first week of school.

6th/7th and 8th: We are happy to be back and looking forward to a great year! We started our first book, “My Side of the Mountain”. We are enjoying it very much.

LANGUAGE ARTS BINDERS: An important goal of Bethlehem Lutheran School’s Faculty is to communicate with you, our school Parents. Your children are very hard at work in the classroom and their progress is our priority. In order to aid in communicating this progress we will be sending home your child’s Language Arts Binder on Fridays. The purpose of this is for you to look through their Grammar work, Compositions, Copywork, Handwriting, etc. Please view and discuss the work with your child. After viewing the work, we ask that you sign the “L.A.B.”-Language Arts Binder- sheet, which tells us that you have done this. Finally, **RETURN** the complete binder on **Monday**. This is considered homework, and will be treated as such. Please leave all work inside of the binder as it will become an important collection of the work being completed here in school.

POTLUCK & CURRICULUM/OPEN HOUSE: Please come join us Wednesday, September 23 at 6:00 for a Potluck Dinner. Following the dinner our Curriculum/Instructional Advisor, Britt Militello, will give a brief presentation highlighting the curriculum your children will be using this school year. After that you are welcome to go up and visit the classrooms and talk to the teachers. It will give you a chance to view the classrooms, and look at samples of the learning materials. This is a great opportunity to ask questions. We look forward to this Parent's Communication Night with all of our school families. Hope to see you all ☺

Pot Luck Dinner will be as follows:

A –J (last name) please bring a salad to share

M-V (last name) please bring a desert to share

Main course will be provided.

EARLY DISMISSAL: On Wednesday, September 30 we will be having an early dismissal at 12:00 noon. Pre-school four year olds will NOT meet. Our Faculty will be meeting this day with our Curriculum/Instructional advisor to develop and sharpen our skills in the area of classical education.

RUSSELL'S NIGHT: Thursday September 17th 4-8.

MARKET DAYS: The School year is here and so is the start of Market Day. Please remember paper orders are due by Tuesday, September 15th. Online Internet orders are due Thursday, September 17th. This year if you would like to place an order but are unable to pick it up; we will be happy to deliver your order as long as monies are at the church office prior to delivery. Any questions please call Debbie Hug at 847-296-7221.

BETHLEHEM'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE: The **NEW** schedule for Bethlehem is Bible Study at 8:15 am, worship service at 9:15 am and Sunday School at 10:15. We invite you to join us, if you don't have a church home of your own.