

NEWS & NOTES

08/17/2020



School Theme 2020-2021 – **“The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Matt. 20:28).**

With God as our foundation, we educate & equip for service, for Christ, the mind, heart, and spirit of today's 21st Century learner.

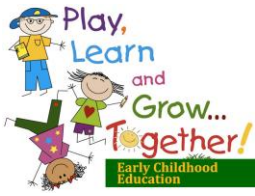
A note from
the Principal

And we're off!! We have had a great first 3 days of school here at St. James! Thank you to everyone for a great start to the school year. As we start the 1st full week of school, we will continue to look at our logistics of operating the school and consider any changes that need to be made. Everyone is doing a good job with social distancing, masks, and their water bottles. Masks and water bottles are to be going home daily to be washed and ready for the next time. Thank you to our students, our parents, and our staff for making this a great start to the school year!

Some things to consider as we continue through this week...

- **Masks**—Consider at least 3-5 masks per child. This way, there is a rotation and not straining your laundry schedule. Make sure the masks fit the child and are not loose. Each student received a lanyard to place their mask on for the school day so that they aren't going into the student's pocket or desk when they are taking a break from them. Masks should be at least 2-ply and fresh/clean for the day.
- **Water Bottles**—Consider having 2-3 water bottles per child. This way, just like the masks, there is a rotation to help the dish washing schedule. Water bottles should be brushed out and cleaned with soap and water. Make sure to clean and scrub the spout where the water comes out and your child's lips are touching.
- **Cleaning supplies**—We have hand sanitizing stations centrally located on each floor and area. Each classroom also has their own hand sanitizing bottles, hand wipes, and gloves. If you would like to donate any cleaning supplies like Lysol wipes, personal hand sanitizers for student or staff use, or anything at all, please talk with your homeroom teacher on what the classroom needs are. For example, Lysol wipes are a high commodity these days. If you come across them in the store and your home stockpile is good, consider picking up one for your child's classroom. It doesn't matter how many are in the package. St. James Lutheran School was able to use CARES Act funds to purchase cleaning supplies through a federal government grant to get our school year started.
- **SJLS Checklist**—Continue to run the SJLS Checklist on your students every morning. This checklist can be found on our COVID landing page for the school on the website. As we begin the school year, it is not common practice to do this so it will take some getting used to getting in the habit. Additional COVID related information and practices will be posted to our COVID landing page under the school tab.





EARLY CHILDHOOD

St. James Early Childhood Mission



Mrs. Goodspeed

Is my child in choir?

All students in Pre-K – Grade 5 are automatically members of one of our school choirs. Junior High choir is optional for students in grades 6 – 8.

How often do the choirs perform?

Lamb's Choir will sing 2 times each year

Cherub, Messenger and Junior High Choirs will perform 3-4 times per semester. Some of these performances will be in a concert format or special services; others will be part of our weekly church services at St. James.

Does my child have to perform with the choir on Sunday mornings?

Participation is EXPECTED for all choir performances. This is a service to our Lord and Savior in praise for all His many gifts and a service to our church, which is dedicated to supporting our school.

For grades 1 – 5, participation in choir and performances including church services will be 50% of their music grade (there will not be a separate choir grade).

Junior High Choir grading policies available separately.

Sunday morning church services are at 8:00 and 10:30.

How are performances graded?

A - Attend and participate at required service(s)

B – Attend only one service (when singing at both the 8:00 and 10:30 services)

C – Does not attend, but parent informs director in writing prior to Sunday morning

F – Does not attend; parent does not contact director prior to Sunday morning

What time is my child expected to be at St. James for performances?

15 minutes before the performance begins unless otherwise notified. Please do not come any earlier as last minute preparations do not allow me to supervise your children before that time.

Does my child need to stay through the whole service?

The St. James congregation looks forward to the school choirs' singing in church and welcome the school families to stay for the whole service.

We offer Sunday School for all ages between the services at 9:15 and hope that your family will stay and continue to study God's Word with us.

Typically, students are released at approximately 10:45 if their choir sings at both services.

Is there a uniform / dress code for performances?

Choir members should wear their church best for Sunday morning performances.

Junior High Choir dress code for concerts is khakis bottom and a solid colored top.

Please contact Mrs. Goodspeed with any questions: agoodspeed@stjameslaf.org



TODDLER ROOM NEWS AND NOTES

Parents what a great first week! We spent most of the week getting to know the routine and learning how to transition to different activities with our transition bells (Mr. Jingles) and various different transition songs.

This week our theme will be All about Me! We will learn that God made us all special and unique.

In the sensory bin we will have rainbow colored oatmeal with laminated pictures, little people figures and cups and spoons to scoop.

We will be working on fine motor skills with felt boards, playdough, and block play.

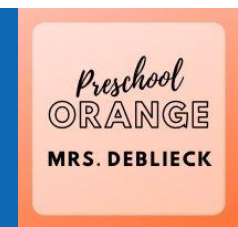
Art this week will be All about me themed. The children will be making a hand print book, and will be painting this week.

Circle time we will talk about where our eyes, ears, nose, hands are. We will also be singing Look Who God Made, Happy and You Know it, Open shut them, and their favorite from last week- Shake your Sillies out!

What a wonderful start! I am so thankful for the opportunity to share God's love with your children this Year!

Have a blessed week!

Mrs. Bryan



PRESCHOOL 2'S NEWS AND NOTES (MRS. DEBLIECK)



PreS 3 Mrs. Kurtz

The children are adjusting much better than anticipated. I am so proud of them! We are still adjusting our masks, but they are truly doing great. We spent the first 3 days learning our classroom rules, learning about each other and building relationships. We will focus on all of these things as we continue into week 2. I am a firm believer that an established foundation of rules/schedule/routine, is needed for our best learning. Children learn best when the foundation is strong and we will continue to build on this for week 2.

Below are some action items needed for the classroom:

- Please return the All About Me papers. If you have not gotten these papers from me, they will be coming home in their folders on Monday.
- Please bring in a 4x6 picture of your family. We will be using these in religion on Thursday this week and then placing them in our dramatic play area for the remaining part of the year.
- I will be sending home a CDC Developmental Milestones checklist this week for you to complete. Please fill it out and send it back to school. This is just one tool that will be used for assessments. The checklist helps give me an understanding of any specific struggles or goals that need to be worked on with your child.
- Please remember to return the green emergency contact card if you have not yet done so.

To stay connected as a classroom, I have created a private facebook group. Please see my email for more information.

One VERY IMPORTANT CHANGE will be that all children will be dropped off at door 2 and be picked up at door 15. ***** At 11:15 we will transition to the Indigo room in the old school building. We will eat lunch in this classroom and ALL children will be picked up from door 15. Door 15 is located to the left of the old brick school building (from 8th Street) and is the first door to the right between the old school and the new gym.

Religion: God Gives Life to the World

Law: Without God, there is nothing.

Gospel: Through God and His Word, there is life here on earth and in heaven forever because He loves you so much.

Sanctification: Through the power of the Holy Spirit, thank God by enjoying, appreciating, and cherishing life! God made you special.

Dramatic Play: Home Living

Literacy/Letter Recognition:Introducing Zoophonics

Writing: White board letter writing.

Science: Sharing "All About Me" Graphing our eye color/hair color.

Sensory: Rice/Playdough

Math: Measuring our shoes with unifix cubes/teddy bears. Shape Bingo.

Fine Motor: AB patterns with tweezers and pompoms.

Story Time: "Only One You" "What I like about me" "I Feel Silly Today"

Important Dates:

If you have any questions or concerns please let me know!

God's Blessings,
Mrs. Kurtz



Pre-K Mrs. Caylor

Notes from Mrs. Caylor:

-Please remember to return the green emergency contact cards as soon as possible.

Religion: God Knows Us by Name; We Are His (God Made People)

Lam: God is perfect; but we sin and make mistakes and need His mercy.

Gospel: God knows all about you because He lovingly and carefully created you, and he sent His Son, Jesus, to be your Savior.

Sanctification: Through the power of the Holy Spirit, trust God to care for you because He knows all about you and cares for you so deeply!

Bible Words: I have called you by name, you are Mine. *Isaiah 43:1*

Dramatic Play:

-Home Living

Literacy/Letter Recognition:

-Introducing Zoo-Phonics animals/letters and song

-Alphabet Kaboom!

-Zoo-phonics Bingo

Science:

-Introducing the types of plants that we have in our science center and learning how to care for them

-Looking at ourselves in mirrors and observing our traits (hair color, eye color, height, etc.)

Art:

-Drawing self-portraits based on what we see in the mirrors

Sensory:

-Colored Rice

Math:

-Graphing favorite colors

-Graphing eye color/hair color

-Shape Bingo

Fine Motor:

-Cutting practice sheets

-Hole Punch patterns

Gross Motor:

-Hopscotch

-Red Light, Green Light

In Christ,
Mrs. Caylor

Our Mission

To joyfully share the gospel and prepare children by nurturing their faith, for a life of learning and service to Christ.



Kindergarten Mrs. Trautmann

*This week we will celebrate that God made people! We will make a creation book and hear the story of how God made the world.

*Our Bible Memory verse reflects this truth: **Know that the Lord, He is God! It is God who made us and we are His. Psalm 100:3** (*Practice this verse together, and students will recite it to me by the end of this week*)

*In Reading we will talk about what students will discover in Kindergarten. We will identify words in sentences, identify rhymes, review letters A-F, memorize the high frequency word "the", and read some pre-decodable texts. We will also be reading our Class Book "Who Stole the Cookie from the Cookie Jar?"

*In Math we will be representing, counting, and writing the numbers 0-5.

*In Gym we will learn the gym rules and practice ways to move our bodies: running, sliding, leaping, jumping, hopping, galloping, skipping, and walking.

*In Art, Mrs. Tietz will lead us in a crayon and watercolor resist project.

*In Science and Social Studies we will talk about how we create our environment.

It is going to be another great week together!



Miss Roland

In the name of Jesus who was/is "Sent to Serve", we too are "Sent to Serve "(2020-2021 theme)

As we look forward to beginning our St. James Lutheran School year 2020-2021--First grade

- approaching the new school year (in person) with eagerness and anxiety
- The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6

Yet, we take a good breath, put our trust in our Lord and let Him be our strength and guide, and take a step forward--one breath, step at a time. I am looking forward to first grade. There will be lots of learning and practicing about rules, routines and social distancing. I am looking forward to continuing the legacy/heritage of St. James Lutheran School. The call for all of us to live and learn in His love and grace.

We had a wonderful first few days. We are learning and so ready to learn and be with our friends. This week we will get into our books. As I was looking at our reading, I had forgotten how much there is to a reading day! We will take it slow and figure out what we can and cannot accomplish in a day.

Reminder: masks every day, they need their own water bottle and their own snack.

Memory: needs to be said by Friday. The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many. Matthew 20:28

Religion/Bible Story: God created the world, Cain and Abel

Handwriting: some pre-writing skills, lower case a

Reading/Language Arts:

phonics: m, s, t, b and short a (as we begin you will see the titles of the pages in the Show it Know it book as spelling..our spelling skill will follow a phonics skill--but we are not ready for that yet).

high frequency words: go is like see the this to we

power words: enjoy excited noisy favorite furry goodness great hall library new try

stories: My Book=My First Day and We Try-We Paint

Math: we will be learning some math vocabulary words and begin doing some simple addition

Art and Music: Mrs. Tietz and Mrs. Goodspeed

Social Studies: citizens and responsibilities. Communities--thinking how we are the center and our communities expand to family, friends, classmates, whole school..

Still Rejoicing! Still Praying! Still Giving Thanks! (2019-2020 theme)

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Mrs. Trautmann

Memory: Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. Mark 16:16

Jesus Time: Creation and the First Sin & The Great Flood

Reading

Phonemic Awareness: Blending and Isolating Sounds in Words

Phonics: Short Vowels a & i, Syllables

Spelling Words: sad, bit, jam, glad, list, win, flat, if, fix, rip, kit, mask, as, his, clap, chip

Comprehension: Central Idea

Writing: Personal Narrative

Math: Chapter 1: Number Concepts

Science: Observing Weather

We had a start in second grade last week! Your second-graders have done a wonderful job with all of our new routines and rules regarding keeping a social distance and wearing our masks. I am so proud of them!

We will be having a spelling pre-test every Wednesday. If you spell all the words correctly, you will not have to take the spelling test on Friday. If you miss words on Wednesday, those are the ones you need to practice!

Your second-grader may say memory any day before school or at lunch. Memory needs to be said by the end of the week.

Don't forget to check your second-graders assignment book every night! We are starting our regular classwork this week, so there may be things coming home that need to be finished. Your second-grader needs to complete any circled work and return it to school the next day.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me and ask!

Sent to Serve!



Mrs. Hamilton

What a great start to school! We praise God for a great beginning to the school year! The third graders have been doing a great job learning our new routines and procedures. It is going to be a great year!

What are we studying this week?

Religion - Who is God?

Memory - August 21 - The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Matthew 20:28

Reading - Our main story for the week is "Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match." We are studying characters and plot this week.

Writing / Grammar - Personal Narrative and Complete sentences

Spelling - The spelling test is on Friday. The spelling words are: crop, plan, thing, smell, shut, sticky, spent, lunch, pumpkin, clock, gift, class, skip, swing. The bonus words are: planning, sprint, wedge, problem.

Math - Addition and Subtraction

Science - Rocks and Minerals - We are investigating observing rocks this week.

Social Studies - What makes a community?

Have a great week!



Mrs. Ripke

Well, the first week went along well. We worked around kinks in digital resources, logged on to all of our sites, and became used to wearing masks and washing hands. On Monday we will begin doing lessons in the curriculum. We will have a spelling pre-test and a memory work passage for the week. All assignments will be posted in the Google classrooms each day along with any comments. We will be doing a science lab this week which requires students to bring in any item that contains seeds like: tomatoes, peaches, corn, beans, raspberries, dried up flowers, apples, etc. Essentially any item that has seeds in it. The item must be whole, so if you are thinking watermelon, not a seedless one, that's fine. We will cut it up, count all the seeds, and then probably eat it! It will be helpful if the items are in a zip-lock bag. This lab starts on Tuesday, so items can be brought in either Monday or Tuesday morning for the lab. Remember to send clean mask each day and a water bottle with students as only the bottle fillers work on our drinking fountains. We have PE on Tuesdays and Fridays, so be sure send gym shoes to school if you haven't already.



Grade 5--Mrs. D

What a great first week we had! These are some great kids. They are doing a good job following all the different changes this year.

We are getting a great start to the school year,

Spelling test will be this Friday. They will bring home words every Monday.

Have a great week.



Grade 6- Mrs. Rider

Welcome to the 1st full week of the 2020-2021 School Year!

6th Grade Religion - We are studying accounts from Genesis. Last week we studied Creation and this week we will study Cain and Able and the Flood.

6th Grade Memory - 1/2 half of the Old Testament Books of the Bible. We will write them out on Monday and they will fill in the blanks on a quiz on Friday.

6th Grade Science - We are studying Continental Drift and Plate Tectonics.

6th Grade Social Studies - Monday we are having a continents and oceans quiz. We are studying latitude and longitude and how maps help us learn more about the world.

7/8 Grade Science - We are studying Forces and what makes things move, and stop moving.

7/8 Grade Social Studies - Monday we have a continents and oceans quiz with no word bank. We are studying the native people that lived in North and South America when the Early European Settlers arrived leading to the beginning of our Country.



Mrs. Keiser



Mrs. Farrington

“The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Matt. 20:28).

We had a great first three days. It is SO wonderful to be back all together at school!!!

August 10-14

PE: Outdoor Games

8th Algebra: Ch 1 Lessons 1-3 To Do List; Quiz on Thursday

7th Math: Ch 1 Lessons 1-3 To-Do List; Quiz on Thursday

6th Math: Ch 1 Lessons 1-3 To-Do List; Quiz on Thursday

Health: Goal Setting



Art- Mrs. Tietz

I am so excited to work with so many talented artists! Art will be a little different this year, I will be teaching you through videos and information in Google Classroom.

1. Middle school- weekly sketchbook assignments.
2. Have you art boxes ready to go.
3. K-1 Learning art through literature, and art found in God's creation.
4. 2nd-8th will be learning about art around the world through cultures and artists.

Mrs. Tietz



Announcements

To the parents of a seventh or eighth grade student of St. James.

You will soon receive a letter concerning our junior confirmation program this year that mentions a 6:00 p.m. zoom meeting on Wednesday Aug. 26

It has come to my attention that there are both volleyball and soccer practices being held that overlap during that time.

I don't want to delay the start of confirmation classes, so I am asking that if you can't join by zoom because you are bringing your child here for practice, please come to the cafeteria when you drop your child off. Doors will be opened at 5:30 p.m.

With church services being structured the way they are (no acolytes etc.), our primary goals during the orientation meeting are to collect information (email/text), the confirmation information form (8th grade only - can be picked up at the meeting or downloaded), and the \$80.00 confirmation fee. We will also share tentative dates for examination as well as confirmation/first communion.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact either Pastor French or Pastor Heckert.



