

# NEWS & NOTES

08/24/2020



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 21<sup>st</sup> Century learner.*

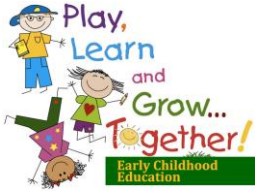
## A note from the Principal

St. James had a great 5-day week last week and we're looking forward to another great week. Schedules, procedures and protocols have been working as planned. We appreciate everyone's hard work in helping to keep things moving smoothly for our school.

**How is the SJLS Checklist going in the morning?** Hopefully, it's going well. As this is a new procedure for everyone, it will take some time to make it a part of the normal “morning” procedure. Remember...practice makes permanent (not perfect). Remember to take your child/ren's temperature. Place the SJLS checklist on your refrigerator door and you can go through it every morning. This helps to identify the symptoms of COVID. Stay in communication with the School Office and your homeroom teacher should anything occur.

Some things to consider to continue to think about through the 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, handiwipes, 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.
- **Drop off and pick up your students correctly.** For the safety of you and your children, please do not let out students on the driver's side of the vehicle. Also, do not park your vehicle in against the flow of traffic. Always let out children on the passenger side of the vehicle so that they are getting out onto the sidewalk, not the middle of the road. Thank you.



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## EARLY CHILDHOOD

St. James Early Childhood Mission

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### **Mrs. Goodspeed**

We are off to a musical start! There are a lot of guidelines that are specific to music due to COVID. The most challenging is that singing should not be done indoors when possible. Singing is recommended to be done outdoors, with a mask and at least 6' social distancing. So we have gotten creative and the K-5 music classes are meeting on the church steps while the weather is nice. So far, this has worked out well and the fresh air is good for us all. On bad weather days, we will meet in the children's classrooms, and do non-singing activities. We are able to utilize the Old Gym for the Jr. High classes at this time and look forward to bucket drumming and project based learning.

Performances are also a challenge. We simply do not have facilities for a musical or concert that allows for social distancing of the audience much less adequate air exchange and distancing for performers. Additionally, St. James Church has implemented social distance and mask guidelines for services which would not allow for our usual choirs performances in the service. For the time being, Cherub (gr 1-2) and Messenger (gr 3-5) choirs are on hold. The Junior High Choir is meeting in 2 smaller groups and will be working on virtual performances for our "Fall Concert."

Usually, we are in the process of starting a new group of 5th grade beginning band students. As it is very challenging to teach an instrument at this level without being able to help a student physically, we have put the band on the back burner with hopes to start in January provided the COVID situation has calmed down.

In the Advanced band, you will see students wearing masks except when playing and the brass instruments also wear masks on their bells. We are very thankful for the Old Gym with it's ample space and tall ceilings to help provide a safer place to make music. Practice sheets will be due every Tuesday.

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

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## TODDLER ROOM NEWS AND NOTES

This week our theme is make a joyful noise! /David plays the harp. We will learn how David played his harp for the sheep and how he played for King Saul when he was sad to make him feel better. We will talk about ways to help someone feel better, singing a song, drawing a picture, or by just by giving a hug.

We will have fun making a joyful noise with a variety of musical instruments and sensory shakers!

In the sensory bin we will have colored dry pasta with shakers to make a joyful noise!

In art this week we will be painting with bells on our paint brushes, drum painting, and a fun home made harp painting craft.

In circle time will listen to a flannel board story about David plays the harp. We will march with shakers to "The Ants go Marching", we will also sing Stand up on your feet! Shake your sillies out and wheels on the bus.

On Thursdays we will have play time with the parachute after craft time.

We will also be reading a variety of books with a music theme: "Dooby Dooby Moo" "Giraffes can't dance" "Barnyard Dance" " Over in the Meadow" "Pete the Cat Rocking in my School Shoes"

Have a blessed week!

Mrs. Bryan

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

My Preschool 2's are doing a wonderful job of entering the classroom each morning and getting right to our morning routine. Throughout the month of August, we will continue to establish our classroom routines. In addition, it is important at this age to focus on social skill building such as taking turns and problem solving.

We will be learning all about amazement and wonder of God's beautiful Creation! The children will be playing with animals and we will talk about their features as well as our own that make us unique. I can't wait to show you their self-portraits when they get put up on display!

### Special Notes:

- I only have a few green emergency cards and student information sent back in, please get those to me by the end of the week!
- Please see my 2's Facebook page request. This is a communication tool that can help us feel more connected, creating a community of our 2's families!

- Please be sure to notify me no later than 8:00 if your child will be running late but still attending, unless already discussed in advance. It is helpful to know to expect your child and place a hot lunch order if needed.

### Weekly Focus

**Religion:** Creation is God's Gift for Us to Enjoy - God Created the World

Law: Sometimes we don't take care of God's world.

Gospel: Our wise and powerful God is also a loving, forgiving God.

Sanctification: Through the power of the Holy Spirit, enjoy, appreciate, and care for God's creation!

**Dramatic Play:** Home Living/Kitchen

**Letter:** "B" for Bubba Bear - We sing our Zoophonics song and we practice the letter sound throughout the week.

**Concept:** (Color) Yellow

**Science:** Animal discovery, counting number of legs and their unique characteristics

**Fine Motor:** Stacking shapes, Puzzles, Magnets on cookie sheets

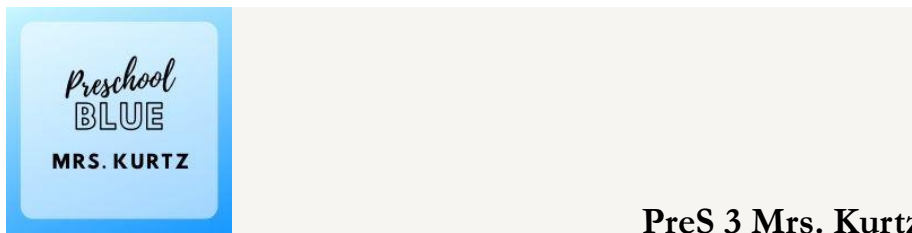
**Arts & Crafts:** Creation Books & Yellow Collage

**Story Time:** "Little Bible Heroes: Creation," "Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?," "This is the Day That the Lord Has Made"

I hope you have a wonderful week!

In Christ,

Mrs. DeBlieck



Welcome to week 3!! The children are doing great and have learned our schedule and routines. We will continue to focus on those this week as we have some friends joining us for the first time this week. We are starting our unit on the 5 senses, and we will explore those senses for the next 2 weeks!

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:** Creation Is God’s Gift for Us to Enjoy/ God Made The World

Law: Sometimes we don’t take care of God’s world.

Gospel: Our wise and powerful God is also a loving, forgiving God

Sanctification: Through the power of the Holy Spirit, enjoy, appreciate, and care for God’s creation!

**Dramatic Play:** Home Living/Instruments

**Literacy/Letter Recognition:** Introducing Zoophonics animals/letters

-5 Senses themed books read each day

**Writing:** White board letter writing

-Writing our first letter of our names in shaving cream

-Vocab word cards in the writing center

**Science:** 5 Senses Exploration Tray

-5 Senses Collage

**Sensory:** Beans/Tubes

-Shaving Cream

**Math:** Number 5 Counting Mats

**Fine Motor:** Fine Motor Journals: Stickers

**Story Time:** “Look, Listen, Taste, Touch, and Smell- Five Senses” By: Pamela Hill Nettleton, “I Hear a Pickle” By: Rachel Isadora, “Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you See?” By: Bill Martin Jr., “The Listening Walk” By: Paul Showers, “Mr. Brown Can Moo, Can You?” By: Dr. Suess

**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:

Thank you to the Myers family, the Robinson family, and the Hamann family for donating to our classroom! Between physical and monetary donations, we now have a yoga mat for each child, as well as **many** items for the classroom to help our days run smoother! Your support is appreciated so much!

Religion: Creation Is God's Gift for Us to Enjoy (God Made The World)

*Law:* Sometimes we don't take care of God's world.

*Gospel:* Our wise and powerful God loves and forgives us in Jesus.

*Sanctification:* Through the power of the Holy Spirit, enjoy, appreciate, and care for God's creation!

*Bible Words:* God saw that it was good. *Genesis 1:10*

Dramatic Play: Home Living

Literacy/Letter Recognition: Introducing Zoo-Phonics animals/letters and song

-Alphabet Kaboom!

-Zoo-phonics Bingo

-Write The Room Scavenger Hunt (The Very Hungry Caterpillar edition!)

Science: Introducing the caterpillars to our class and how to care for them

-Learning the life cycle of a butterfly

-Butterfly daily facts

Art: Creating watercolor butterflies from coffee filters and clothespins

Sensory: Shaving Cream

Math: Roll & Cover caterpillar game

Fine Motor: Pom Pom & Tweezer caterpillar counting

Gross Motor: Hopscotch

-Squish the Bugs (Jumping game)

-Playing catch

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. Eggold**

\*We continue to talk about creation this week, remembering especially how we can be close to God through prayer and worship in God's house. The memory verse for the week is "I will be glad and exult in You." Psalm 9:2

\*In Art class we will be doing "School's First Day of School" with Mrs. Tietz, using construction paper, glue, and construction paper crayons. We will also be doing some scissor practice later in the week, making a collage of shapes inspired by Matisse.

\*In Reading we will continue talking about story elements, matching pictures to text, and the genre characteristics of fiction. We will identify words in sentences, identify rhymes, practice our letters Gg-Pp, reading pre-decodable texts and practicing our sight words "the" and "a."

\*In social studies we will be working on making conversation and introducing ourselves. We will also practice active listening by following the "Give Me Five" guidelines.

\*In science we will continue to study trees and leaves.

\*In gym we will practice staying within the boundary lines, practice following directions, develop body awareness, and play Noodle Tag.

\*Don't forget to bring two snacks for your child to eat each day. You are welcome to store several weeks worth in your child's classroom cubby.

It is going to be a great week!



## **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., some friends need paint shirts

Book orders are in the mailboxes. You can purchase them online with the code. I am happy to submit your order also. That would be then with a check to Scholastic. I am always happy to "brown bag to you so books can be a surprise

Today, I entered some things in harmony. If we did it, then I gave your first-grader credit. Most things we will accomplish together, and we will work at until it is done correctly. Memory, handwriting and the know- it -show-it book will carry their own score. Some math will also.

Memory: needs to be said by Friday. I trust in you, O Lord, I say "You are my God". Psalm 30:14

Religion/Bible Story: Noah and the Ark, God calls Abram

Handwriting: lower case a, i, u, y

Reading/Language Arts:

phonics: n, d, p, c k 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 spelling tests yet).

high frequency words: a first good had he I my way

power words: accept calm happened introduce kinds ridiculous search together trip wished

stories: My Book=My School Trip, A Trip to the Garden--I will try to send this home after we use it, so your first grader can read at home.

grammar : identifying and using nouns

Start Right Stories stapled controlled reading stories. Always, always good to review at home and practice the skills page. Your first grader also knows a game to play with the "read and blend" pages

Math: working on some math strategies

Art and Music: Mrs. Tietz and Mrs. Goodspeed

Social Studies: citizens and responsibilities. rules and laws, leaders, government

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

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## Mrs. Trautmann

**Memory:** Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. Matthew 5:44

**Jesus Time:** God's Promise to Abram & Isaac Blesses His Sons

**Reading**

Phonemic Awareness: Blending and Isolating Sounds in Words

Phonics: Short Vowels o, u, & e

Spelling Words: yes, job, hug, rest, frog, hum, left, melt, plum, shut, net, dot, puddle, helmet

Comprehension: Central Idea

**Writing:** What good writers do during writing time

**Math:** Chapter 1: Number Concepts

**Science:** Wind and Air

Please remember to check your second-graders assignment book and sign it every night! I will circle any work that needs to be completed.

Your second-grader may say memory any day before school or at lunch. Memory needs to be said by the end of the week. I have put the memory verses for August and September on the 2nd Grade page of the website.

This year, each class will be working on a project for our chapel offerings. The second-graders came up with a list of ideas, and I am sorting them and working out some details. Next week, I will send out information about our first Chapel offering project!

God's Blessings on your week!



## Mrs. Hamilton

I am so proud of each third-grader! They remember their masks and bring water bottles daily. They are logging onto their chromebooks and trying all new computer activities. We have fun and learn new information daily. We are adjusting to our new schedule. I am looking forward to this week!

What are we studying this week?

Religion - Who is God?

Memory - August 28 - "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" Psalm 46:10

Reading - We are reading a section of the story "Judy Moody" with a test on Wednesday. We are reading a section of the story "Sink and the Freaky Frog Freakout" with a test on Friday.

Writing / Grammar - Personal Narrative and Complete sentences

Spelling - The spelling test is on Friday. The spelling words are: spoke, mile, save, excuse, cone, invite, cube, price, erase, ripe, broke, flame, life, rule. The bonus words are: surprise, decide, clothes, strange.

Math - Addition and Subtraction

Science - Rocks and Minerals - We are beginning our investigation of what is the difference between a rock and a mineral.

Social Studies - What makes a community?

Have a great week!



### **Mrs. Ripke**

We are getting into the swing of school so far, but still have a few things to work on. Students should remember to bring water bottles each day and take them home every evening to be washed. Google Classroom is our way to keep track of assignments. Students are getting used to using it, but sometimes forget to mark assignments done. We will be working on getting better at keeping Google Classroom updated.

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### **Grade 5--Mrs. D**

The fifth graders are awesome. They take school seriously and do their best.

Religion-We are in Unit 1

The planners should hopefully be in for the school this week. As of now, they are responsible for writing their assignments on a piece of paper.

Spelling tests will be on Friday. They will bring home words every Monday.

Students need to complete their AR(Accelerated Reader) goals by the end of the quarter. Each student knows the goals they have to complete. Please make time for them to read at least 15 minutes a day at home.

Math-We are cracking down on our math facts. The next couple of weeks we will not be working out of the books, but doing a lot of skill and drill. We will be working on memorizing math facts and being able to figure out math

problems efficiently. Please make sure they are working on getting their facts memorized at home if they do not have a good grasp of them.

Social Studies and Science-We are in Chapter 1.

And as always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.



## **Grade 6- Mrs. Rider**

We are in the swing of this school thing. Thank you for all the support and patience with masks and Covid related adjustments.

6th Grade Religion - We are studying accounts from Genesis, specifically the tower of Babel and Isaac & Rebekah.

6th Grade Memory - This week we are doing the second 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 continuing our study Continental Drift and Plate Tectonics. We will be TESTING on Thursday.

6th Grade Social Studies - We are continuing to study what Geography is and what exactly we study about the world.

7/8 Grade Science - This week we are focusing on Isaac Newton's 3 Laws of Motion.

7/8 Grade Social Studies - We are taking a vocab quiz on Topic 1 on Wednesday and doing an open book in class essay quiz on Topic 1 as well.



## **Mrs. Keiser**

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## 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



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## 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 (8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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