



Peace Lutheran School & Preschool Memo

“Let Your Light Shine”

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Mr. Wilson's ~ 7th & 8th Grade Classroom ~ Just a reminder, the online grade book can be found at the following web address: <http://www.engage.com/students>. You will need to register with the information that I sent home last week. I am resending that information in case you misplaced it. I hope that this will be a useful tool for you.

The catechism class orientation meeting is scheduled for this upcoming Wednesday, September 16th, at 7:00 PM. At least one parent of our 7th and 8th grade students is expected to attend. Please let Pastor know if you will not be able to make it so other arrangements can be made.

Our first few weeks have been great! We are working towards our goal of 10 late slip free days in a row. If we reach that goal, we will make a Slurpee run. If we reach 20 straight days, we will have a pizza party! Encourage your children to get their work done on time!

Next week, Tuesday, I have a principal's meeting at HVL. Mrs. Cheryl Hatzung will be my substitute.

Have a great weekend – enjoy the wonderful weather!

Mrs. Van Loton's ~ 5th & 6th Grade Classroom ~ Please try to remember that Wednesday is PE and right now with the warm weather, your child will need a water bottle. This will help keep the children from entering the locked doors and bugging Mrs. Block to open them.

~As I mentioned in my home visits, Mr. Wilson and I would like to try an on-line grading system. I will be preparing it this coming week so that you as parents can start viewing your child's grades hopefully by September 21st. I have attached a sheet of paper asking for you to create a password. You will need to keep one of the copies and return the extra sheet to me by this Monday, September 14th. Thanks

~So, I am slowly adding subjects as we progress in the weeks of school. I can tell that some of my students are very bored at this. However, I still have a handful of children who I believe will benefit from the slower pace right now. As I see them getting more and more comfortable, I will start spending less and less time on explaining and more on the teaching. So, please be patient with everyone involved in this process, including me. It takes some of us more time to catch on, and with that, the benefit is in the end!

~For the class's first field trip, I am thinking that the children may enjoy visiting a court room. I received a subpoena 2 weeks ago to appear in court for the People of Livonia. I was a witness to an accident.....my own. Last November a woman hit me and chose to flee the scene of the accident. Since I was able to get a license plate number, the police were able to find her and she is now being prosecuted by the City of Livonia. With so many court room shows on T.V. today, I think the children would benefit in 1.visiting a REAL court room, 2. witnessing a REAL trial and verdict, and 3.seeing our REAL judicial process in action. The first time I saw a court room was 6 years ago, and what a shock! I have attached a Field Trip permission sheet. Please sign and return by next week Wednesday, September 16th. If you have any questions, please feel free to email or stop on in.

Mrs. Murphy's ~ 3rd & 4th Grade Classroom ~ We have now survived the first two weeks of school. Things are going pretty smoothly. Yesterday a new student arrived in our classroom. Her name is Amanda Ghannam and she is in the fourth grade. Welcome Amanda.

This year we will be having a science fair in April. To prevent “Last minute” projects we have set up a schedule with monthly goals. The first goal is to choose a question they would like to answer by experimenting. The question should be chosen by Thursday, September 24. I have several science fair ideas, but you can also find great ideas by googling Science fair projects. A copy of the science fair schedule should be found in their take home folder.

Beginning next week, fourth graders will now be given late slips for unfinished homework. Hopefully this will not be a major concern.

I have booked our first field trip. We will be going to Cranbrook Science Institute on Tuesday, October 13. We will leave school at 9:00 and return by 3:00. Student fee is covered and chaperones are \$10. Besides touring the museum we will be attending two programs *Animal world* and *Force and motion*. If you would like to drive or attend as a chaperone, please fill out the attached form as well as the permission slip for your child. Please send the forms back by Friday, September 25.

Book orders are being sent home today. If you wish to order please return them by next Friday, September 18th. You may either send cash or a check made out to Scholastic Book clubs. One check can cover all book clubs.

Mrs. Wilson's ~ 1st & 2nd Grade Classroom ~ Great Job on the green folders, parents! When in doubt, leave it in the folder. Remember to always check through it to see that everything is completed. There is **always math homework**. Second graders will be starting modified late slips that will need to be signed

and assignment sheets next week.

Your child may be bringing home “Search-N-Find” sheets. These are not homework. Everyday, the children receive one to work through while I conference with each child about their journal. Search-n-find papers help with visual discrimination and increase reading decoding skills.

2nd graders got their first list of flashcard words. Work on them! Remember that your child could cash in every 2 days with flashcards.

We had our first “Shared Ed” classes this week. Computers and art were fun. We also had our first English, Phonics, Spelling tests, and Social Studies. We are looking forward to our first PE class on Monday. **Remember to wear tennis shoes.**

We celebrated Jonah and Elaina’s birthdays the past weeks. Next week, we look forward to Summer, Catie H. and Grayson’s birthday.

Book orders are coming home. I have singled out some really good books that I know your child will love. We are reading the “Magic Tree House” series during snack time. They are a favorite! We earn bonus points to get free books and classroom items. This is how we obtained the cool-kid-sized-red-chairs. Books make great rewards!

I have also included two magazine surveys; **Highlights Magazine** and **Hidden Pictures Playground**. Even if you do not want to order any subscriptions, please sign and return them in the clear folder. We will receive free items for our room.

We will also be starting our person of the week. Your child will bring home a poster on Thursday, to be completed over the weekend and returned on Monday. Each child will get a turn, so be patient.

Mrs. Olson’s ~ Kindergarten ~ The second week of school has been a good one. We are getting better and better about remembering the rules and getting into the school routine. Thank you for all the supplies (Kleenex, napkins, straws, baggies, etc.) that you sent to school. They are truly very much appreciated.

In our Bible stories we learned about how God created everything out of nothing. We also learned about the special way God created people. Your child is bringing home his/her own Bible story book. You can keep this book at home and use it to review our Bible stories. If you read a story before bedtime this book is an excellent source. Please carefully read the parent letter in the Friday folder. In the folder you will also see the little Creation booklet the children worked on this week. We learned a Creation song called “Little Bitty Me” that is fun to sing because of the actions we do with it.

We are having fun doing exercises with our new exercise DVD. We get practice counting to 100 at the same time we are getting our exercise. We also like singing some other fun songs.

Yesterday was an exciting day because we took our first step in learning how to read. We learned the sound that letter C makes and practiced listening for that sound in many different words. We worked on more pages in our C Letterbook and practiced writing Letter C – that was a little tricky, but with practice we will get better and better.

In our Math Meetings we are learning about days of the week, the month, patterns and counting how many days we have been in school. In our math class we are working with the counting bears and pattern blocks. We also made our first pictograph. Little songs help us remember how to write the numbers. First we write them with our skywriters and then we can do it on paper. Check out the circle and rectangle-shaped pictures that we made – they are hanging on the wall outside our classroom door.

Please check the Friday folder for the Book Order lists. If you wish to order books, the order is due next Friday. Please return the Highlights slip even if you do not want to order the magazine. I can receive a free gift and the one I am eligible for depends upon how many slips I turn in. It is important that I get every slip back because of our small class size. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Snack person for next week is Alyssa.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Gorsegner’s ~ Preschool ~ We had a fantastic first week of school. We started the year in both the three and four-year-old classes with the Bible lesson of Creation and our weekly theme was All About Me. It is was wonderful start to what I hope is going to be a wonderful year. Thank you to all the families who donated extra supplies to our classroom. I am blown away by your generosity.

Just a couple items to keep in mind: please do not drop your child off at preschool before 8 am. I need this time to prep for the day.

Chapel will be the third Tuesday of the month for three's and the third Wednesday of the month for fours. Our first chapel is next week (the 15th and 16th) for both classes. Also book orders are also due next week. I encourage you all to take advantage of these reasonably priced books.

Finally, if you ever have any comments, concerns, or questions, please do not hesitate to talk to me before or after class or call me. (734-502-1302). I enjoy hearing from you.

With the Lord.~ For the last several months, we’ve been praying in church and in school for Emily Hickman, an 18 month old baby in our congregation who was battling leukemia. This week, our Lord called her home to heaven. We pray that he would comfort Emily’s family in this time of sorrow and loss. Emily will receive Christian funeral on Saturday at 10 AM at the Will Harry Funeral Home at 37000 Six Mile Road. Visitation will be on Friday from noon until 9:00 pm.

PTO MEETING ~ First PTO meeting of the year is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 15 at 7pm**. Leave your kids at home with your significant other and come for a quick organizational meeting. Find out how you can help your child and other children in our Peace family.

Camp Killarney Lutheran Camp ~ Get ready for our 2nd Annual Family Fall Festival. Mark your calendars for October 15, 16, and 17th. Reduced camping, hay rides, kids carnival, campsite trick or treating, food and more. Contact the camp for more info or to make a campsite reservation at (517) 467-4511 or see Julie Dostal.

What is this school all about? ~ Everybody who sends their kids to Peace knows this is a Christian school and preschool. But what does that mean? What do we teach your children? Pastor Kieta is offering you the opportunity to find out. On Fridays, from 11-12, he will be teaching a Bible Information Class, which goes through the teachings of the Bible. All parents are welcome. There is no cost or obligation.

Sunday Mornings ~ Your opportunities to hear about Jesus don't end on Friday. Peace offers Sunday school and adult Bible class on Sunday mornings, starting this Sunday, September 13th. The Sunday school will be studying the New Testament lessons from Christlight while the elementary school is studying the Old Testament lessons. The adults have their own course of study. They will begin by spending a few weeks learning about Islam. You are all welcome to join us. Sunday school and adult Bible class start at 9:45.

Road Construction ~ The West Chicago entrance is completely blocked off to traffic. Please use the Merriman Road entrance while they are doing this road repair. Unfortunately, we do not know how long this repair is expected to continue. Thank you for your patience.

Pregnancy Counseling Center ~ Please join us for the dedication of our new center on Sunday, Sept 27th at 3:00 PM at Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinlock, Redford. The guest speaker will be Pastor Robert Fleischmann, Director of Christian Life Resources. Following the service there will be a reception and open house at the new center, 25545 W. Five Mile Road in Redford. Parking is located in the municipal lot, next to the Credit Union, east of the center.

Youth Choir Notes ~ We are singing next Sunday, September 20th in both services. We will sit together for the first service and sing at the beginning of the second service as in the past. Remember that **all 3rd and 4th graders** are in choir and any 5-8th graders that signed up. Let us keep encouraging our children to grow in their faith by singing hymns and songs of praise!

Band Notes & News ~ Our first rehearsals went well. We forgot a few things over the summer but it should come back quickly. Don't forget to turn in your band / rental fee to Mrs. Block as soon as possible. 5th graders who are renting from Peace will receive their instruments early next week. If you have any questions please let me know.

Piano Notes & News ~ It was good to see everyone again. I had to substitute teach on Tuesday and missed those students. It will take a few weeks to remember our materials but we will get there. Thank-you to those that made September payments already. These are due next lesson. If the time or day of your child's lesson is not working out, please let me know so that their teacher and I can figure out another time. Thank you, Mrs. Ott.