



# Peace Lutheran School & Preschool Memo

“Let Your Light Shine”

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**Mr. Wilson’s ~ 7th & 8th Grade Classroom ~ Mrs. VanLoton has also been posting grades to [www.engage.com](http://www.engage.com).** You will need to put in the code that is attached to this note in order to see your child’s reading and social studies grade.

Yesterday, your children should have had the questions picked for their science fair projects. We will be working on their boards mostly in class this year. We have ordered presentation boards as a group in order to get a bulk discount. Your children have already chosen the color for their boards. **Please send in \$4 to cover the cost of the board.**

In science we are starting a unit on plants. We will begin the unit by doing some activities with radish plants. I am also working to schedule a **field trip in October to Crosswinds Marsh to take a canoe hike and learn about insects (we cover insects later on in the year).** Please look for more information about that field trip in a future newsletter.

**On Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, our entire school will be going to HVL to watch a group of African Acrobats perform.** The presentation begins at 9:00 AM. **We will be in need of several drivers.** If you are able to chaperone, please let us know on the permission slip form that is attached. Please have the forms back by next Wednesday, September 30.

**We are still 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!

Have a great weekend!

**Mrs. Van Loton’s ~ 5th & 6th Grade Classroom** ~ Just another reminder that Engage is up and running. If you would like to peek at how your child is doing in class go to [www.engage.com](http://www.engage.com), click on the “students and parents” and set up your child’s account. You will need your child’s access number which I have sent home with your child this weekend. Please notice that there is one access code for my classroom “engage-svanloto-#” and one for Mr. Wilson - “engage-davidgwilson-#”. Your child’s English and Math grades will be under Mr. Wilson’s access code number, while the rest will be under mine. Again, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me and good luck!!

~I would like to thank the parents that came along yesterday to court with the students and I. We were certainly able to see some very interesting cases and sentencing’s. I have to admit that I am still trying to wrap my head around my case right. I will keep you up-to-date about whether it goes to trial or not!! ~Please sign the permission slip for your child to go to the African Acrobats at HVL on October 5<sup>th</sup>. This will be a change from the Chinese Acrobats we have seen the last couple years there!! Hopefully some of you parents will be able to join us also!!

**Mrs. Murphy’s ~ 3rd & 4th Grade Classroom** ~ Below are the questions your child has chosen for their science fair project. If this question/project was not approved by you and you need to change it please let me know the new question by Tuesday, September 29, otherwise no changes can be made. They have also chosen their project board color. We will be ordering them for you at a cost of \$4.

We have been invited to see the African Acrobats perform at HVL on Monday, October 5 at 9:00. Last year we saw The Chinese Acrobats and found them pretty amazing. We will need lots of drivers as the whole school is going. We will be back to school by 10:30. Please fill out the attached permission slip and indicate whether you can drive. Slips should be returned by Friday, October 2.

### Science Project Questions

- Hannah** How many miles can a pencil draw? **Ivory** How much salt does it take to float an egg?
- Josh** What paper towel absorbs the most water? **Nick** Do ants like cheese or sugar better?
- Alex** How does omitting an ingredient affect the taste of a cookie?
- Noah** Do bananas brown faster in the refrigerator or on the counter?
- James** Which brand of popcorn pops the fastest? **Olivia** How much of an apple is water?
- Tristin** how far does a snail travel in one minute? **Amanda** Do all colors fade at the same rate?
- Matt** Who can balance better on the balls of their feet boys or girls?
- Susan** How far can a water balloon be tossed before it breaks?
- Carlton** Does water with salt boil faster than plain water? **Emma** What do sound waves look like?
- Mikayla** What is the difference between crickets and grasshoppers?
- Chloe** Will the difference in vocal chord length between adults and children, or boys and girls affect their vocal range?
- Nathan** Will seed germinate if you soak them in a liquid other than water?
- Mark** Which plastic wrap prevents evaporation best? **Joseph** What kind of wood burns faster?
- Logan** Which brand of paper towels soaks up more water? **Claire** Will an egg float in fresh or salt

water?

**Mrs. Wilson's ~ 1st & 2nd Grade Classroom** ~ We have two field trips scheduled in October. The first is a short 1 hour trip to HVL to see African Acrobats on October 5<sup>th</sup>. This will be a school-wide field trip, so we will be needing drivers. There is one field trip permission slip attached to each family's Friday Facts. The second trip is on Tuesday, October 13. We will be leaving at 8:30 to get to the fire station and library. We will picnic at Erwin's orchard before picking apples and a pumpkin. Please fill out this permission slip ASAP so I will know whether we have enough drivers to attend.

WE ARE SINGING IN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup>. We'll be singing 3 songs in the 8:30am service and 1 in the 11:00am service. Remember that there are Sunday School and Bible classes between services that you and your children are invited to attend. Attendance is counted as a school day.

2<sup>nd</sup> graders have learned the "commutative property of addition" in math this week, along with telling time an hour before and an hour after a specified time. Both classes have learned to identify the difference between "some, some more" and "some, some went away" problems. First graders also have worked through classifications.

2<sup>nd</sup> grade readers have done a great job with oral reading. The same reading assignment is reviewed the next day to increase confidence and fluidity.

Thank you to Mrs. Tamer for volunteering to be my "book order mama." If anyone is interested in doing photo-coping, let me know what day will work out best for you. I'll keep you busy for as long as you'll let me. ☺

**Mrs. Olson's ~ Kindergarten** ~ Next Sunday, October 4, pre-school – grade 2 will sing in church for both services. We will sit together as a group for the 8:30 a.m. service and sing at the beginning of the 11:00 service. If you have any questions about it, please feel free to talk with me. We have been working hard on learning all the words to our song called "Love", but still need to learn a bit more. For that reason I am sending home the music so you can practice the words with your child. We have learned the refrain and verses one and two, but still need to learn verse three. Your help would be very much appreciated – thank you in advance for your help.

On Monday, October 5, we will be going to HVL at 9 a.m. to watch a group called the African Acrobats direct from Kenya. We will need drivers for this field trip. Please sign and return the permission slip and indicate if you would be able to be a driver. The children have enjoyed other special presentations at HVL in the past.

Today your child is bringing home the second letterbook – Letterbook O. Please take time to review the pages and the sounds that both letter C and letter O make. Please also use the capital and small letter sheets for extra practice in writing letter O.

We have been making new shape pictures. Check out the wall outside our door by the multi-purpose room for the square and triangle pictures.

Thank you for remembering to send your child in tennis shoes on Mondays for gym class.

Snack person for next week is Aaliyah.

Enjoy the first weekend of fall.

**Mrs. Gorsegner's ~ Preschool** ~ This week in preschool the four-old-class learned about alligators and the letter A. Thank you to all parents who took time with their child to send in either the letter A or picture of an item that started with the letter A. This activity at home helps reinforce the concepts we are learning about in school. Also, this gives them a chance to practice their scissor skills. :)

The three's are working on nursery rhymes. We are having lots of fun learning new rhymes and reviewing others.

In Jesus time, both classes learned about Noah's Ark. Ask your child to retell the lesson for you. Also, don't forget to look in their folder for the Christlight lesson sheet for each lesson we study in Jesus Time.

We sing with the kindergarten and the first and second graders on Sunday, October 4th. Please let me know if you are unable to attend.

Don't forget, permission slips and money are due next week for our field trips. Please make out all checks to Erica Gorsegner.

Next week, we will be cooking on Wednesday and Thursday. I still need more cookie cutters and rolling pins for the four-year-old class and all items for the three's class. Please check the list in the classroom by my office to see if you can loan us any items. Your help is always appreciated.

Finally, many parents have either found a day to volunteer this month or another way to fulfill their duty as a participating parent. If you are haven't done this yet, please pick a day or talk to me.

**Youth Choir** - Thank-you for using your voices to God's glory last Sunday. "I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.' " These are the words that the children sang and let us not forget what a blessing it is to "feed our souls with the words of the Lord." A special thanks to Emma Wilson for her beautiful solo.

**Band Notes and News-** Great job to our beginner band players so far! They are becoming more comfortable with their instruments and even getting some notes out between some of the other strange noises which are normal at this stage. Keep encouraging practice at least 3 or 4 times a week of 15 minutes until they are able to play longer amounts and the songs get more difficult. 6-8th graders should be caught back up from where we left off last year and be practicing 3-4 times/week for 20-30 minutes. Music stands are available from Marshall Music for \$16. These will allow the students to sit in the proper position for practice at home. Please let Mrs. Block or me know if you are interested in one and we can have it delivered to Peace. Lastly, please remind your students how fragile and expensive these instruments are, valued anywhere between \$200-\$1000!! Often the children forget and mishandle them. Mr. Don Block has generously fixed up and tuned our Peace instruments as well as the Marshall Music rentals. He is a wonderful blessing to our program so please thank him when you see him.

**Piano Notes and News-** We have finally got our schedule down and in full swing. Some students are remembering their piano day and some are having trouble. Please help them as much as possible to be prepared on their scheduled day. We are starting up flashcards again

for all students. These will have review or new notes and musical terms that the students should be quizzed on each time they practice (they should note on their practice log which days they used the flashcards). Thanks for your help and encouragement!

**Target** ~ We just received a check in the amount of \$133.93 from Target. Thank you to everyone who participates in the Target "Take Charge of Education" program. Target donates up to 1% of purchases made using a REDcard to the eligible K-12 school designated by participants in the program. REDcards include Target Visa Credit Card, Target Credit Card and the new Target Check Card. In order to participate in the Target program you do have to open up a REDcard and designate Peace Lutheran in Livonia to receive the proceeds.

**Camp Killarney** ~ Don't forget that the Family Fall Fest is October 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>. Potluck pulled pork dinner and activities on Saturday. Visit their website for a detailed schedule of events at [www.killarneycamp.org](http://www.killarneycamp.org). Hayrides are only \$300, and day passes are Free!

**Lost N Found** ~ a lunchbox that says California Innovations on it and a school backpack was found at HVL after practice on Tuesday, September 24th. If this belongs to your child please call HVL at (734) 525-0160 to make arrangements to pick it up.

**ACTIVITY DAY IS COMING SOON!** It will be TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009. For those new to our school, Activity Day is a special day where instead of classes; the student body is divided into teams. These teams participate in various activities such as assorted relays, tournaments, and other fun things. During these activities students are encouraged to use cooperation, listening skills, and problem solving as well as physical skills. This day offers a great fellowship experience for both students and parent volunteers.

We would like to have a potluck for lunch. If you can provide a dish please fill out the food part of the form below and return it to school by Monday, September 28. Since the kindergarteners are participating, they are invited to stay for this special lunch.

As mentioned in the first paragraph, we need volunteers to help with a variety of things such as supervising a team, reffing a tournament, be in charge of an activity station, setting up food for lunch, and cleaning up. If you can help with anything please fill out the volunteer part of the form. Your help is greatly appreciated and needed to make this day a success.

**ACTIVITY DAY, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

I can send a dish to school for Activity Day.

I will send \_\_\_\_\_

I can help on Activity Day in the following places:

\_\_\_\_ Lead a team

\_\_\_\_ Ref a tournament

\_\_\_\_ Set up food

\_\_\_\_ Clean up

\_\_\_\_ Wherever I am needed most

\_\_\_\_ Man a station