



# Peace Lutheran School & Preschool Memo

“Grow” II Peter 3:18

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**Mr. Wilson's ~ 7th & 8th Grade Classroom** ~ This upcoming week the children will be presenting their forensics pieces to their classmates. I will critique their performance and give them another week to practice. Their final presentation the week of November 16-20 will be graded and added to their English grade. Please be sure your children are practicing!

Your child's Science Fair project proposal is due on Thursday, November 12. They received the form for the proposal a few weeks ago. The proposal involves stating what their experiment will be, what materials they need to complete it, and the step-by-step directions they will follow to complete their experiment. This is arguably the MOST IMPORTANT PART of their project. Please be sure they are putting the necessary effort into completing this form.

Your child received his/her parts for the Children's Christmas service this past week. The parts and songs will be assigned for memory work over the next few weeks. Please be sure to check in with your child to make sure he/she is keeping up with the memory work.

The complete parent/teacher consultation schedule is attached to this note. Please take note of where you are scheduled. If you will not be able to make it in when you are scheduled, please be sure to let Mrs. Block of me know so we can reschedule your conference. If you would like a preview of what your child's report card will look like, please visit [www.engage.com](http://www.engage.com). You will need to use the code that was provided at the beginning of the school year. If you are having trouble signing in, please let me know. I could get it all set up for you and give you a username and password to login. Your child's grades are updated almost daily so you can have an up-to-date picture of where your child stands in his/her schoolwork.

NEXT Sunday, November 15, ALL of the children in grades 3-8 will be singing in the early worship service and the beginning of the late worship service. PLEASE PUT THIS INTO YOUR SCHEDULES. If you know your child will not be able to be here, you need to excuse the absence to me BEFORE Sunday. Unexcused absences from singing dates are treated as unexcused absences from school. Please make it a PRIORITY to have your children in church on the 15<sup>th</sup> to offer their praises to God.

Have a great weekend!

**Mrs. Van Loton's ~ 5th & 6th Grade Classroom** ~ I still have two children that owe me \$4.00 for their science fair project board. Please help us get this paid up as soon as possible.

~Please make sure to check the Parent/Teacher Conference schedule that came home today. Mrs. Block did a great job and fit everyone in a time slot. Please take careful note of that time. I look forward to meeting with you all next week Thursday or Friday.

~Have you heard? We have a new class pet! The company that sent us the tadpole gave us a free froglet to grow. Come and meet "Animal", our new froglet, and while you are here, you will see just how big Kermit has gotten!!

~Just a reminder that we sing in church on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November! Congrats to Shelby Watt and Justin Cyr for receiving solos. We are looking forward to praising our Lord with the gift of our voices.

**Mrs. Murphy's ~ 3rd & 4th Grade Classroom** ~ Thanks for sending back the permission slips so quickly. So far I have Matt Affholter, Earl Holstrom, Nancy Ghannam, Becky Kieta, Kim Taube, Bill White, and Susan Ott as chaperones/drivers.

Today marks the end of the first quarter marking period. I look forward to meeting with you next week to discuss your child's progress.

**Mrs. Wilson's ~ 1st & 2nd Grade Classroom** ~ Revelations from 1<sup>st</sup> graders this week: "Did you know that popcorn is made from real corn?" "I figured out what the bottom of pizza is made from – bread!"

How are those art projects coming for the HVL art fair? Remember that they need to be turned in next Friday.

We started our newest Social Studies unit on India. We learned about the map and Hinduism this week.

In math the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders learned about dimes and pennies, temperature, and addition and subtraction fact families. 1<sup>st</sup> graders are still working through doubles addition. We also worked through some-some-went-away problems. When we work on our addition facts at school, the red answers have not been completed within two minutes or are the corrected answers.

We took a survey of 3 new candy corn flavors: caramel apple, chocolate-caramel, caramel. The overwhelming winner was caramel apple, followed by caramel and chocolate-caramel.

2<sup>nd</sup> grade reading had a great culminating activity. I bought raw oysters and cooked tomato-garlic mussels. Everyone tried and LOVED the mussels. They are available at Aldi for \$2.99 per box. Congrats to Adalia, Krissa, and Mahli for trying to slurp a raw oyster! (Two of the girls were successful.) We wrote about our experiences; they are posted in the hallway.

I'm looking forward to Parent/Teacher conferences next week. I can't wait to share with you the

progress that your child has already made this year!

1<sup>st</sup> graders will be doing a culminating reading activity next Wednesday. Please send a pumpkin.

**Mrs. Olson's ~ Kindergarten** ~ Today your child is bringing home Letterbook S. Please review all the pages and also the sounds for C, O, G, A and D. The handwriting practice sheets and little story book are in the folder. We have begun the first tiny steps in learning how to blend sounds together and we read a few more words this week. Reading new words is exciting!

This week we practiced naming shapes using the attributes of shape, color and size. We learned about extending AB patterns and started making ABB patterns. We are getting better and better at writing our numbers and singing our number songs to help us remember how to write them.

We talked about some different types of spider webs and even drew some. We talked about what happens to leaves at different times of the year. Check out the National Geographic booklet in the folder for additional stories about animals.

In Social Studies we are learning about continents and maps. We sing some songs to help us remember the names of the seven continents and the four largest oceans.

Start thinking about an art project for the Art Fair at HVL on Saturday, Nov. 21. If you have any questions please me. **Art fair projects are due next Friday, November 13.** At that time I will give you a special number to attach to your project.

The Adventures in Faith Book Fair from Northwestern Publishing House will be here on November 8-15 in the MPR. This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase gifts for Christmas. See the Book Fair blurb for more information.

Snack person for next week is Nathan.

I am looking forward to meeting with each of you next week to discuss your child's progress.

Have a great weekend!

**Mrs. Gorsegner's ~ Preschool** ~ This week in preschool, the threes went to Creatopia in Plymouth. We made tiles. We should get them back late next week. Thanks to Michelle Ohlsson for volunteering to pick them up for us when they are ready. We also started our unit on shapes.

The fours learned about the letter E and elephants. Did you know that an elephant can walk on his tip toes? Ask your preschooler what other fun facts they learned about elephants. Next week, the fours will go to the Museum of Natural History in Ann Arbor. A couple weeks ago we studied dinosaurs. Now we get the opportunity to learn even more.

Both classes learned about Baby Moses in Jesus Time. We learned how God kept Moses safe. Next week, we will learn about the special plan God has for Moses. We have started learning our part for the Christmas Service on December 20th. Mark your calendars, I would love to see all preschoolers there!

Most parents have sent inside shoes. If you haven't yet, please send them in next week.

Thank you to Nikki Hanselman, Kelly Oetzel, and Andrea Schmidt for helping out in the preschool this week.

Attention participating parents: if you have not already signed up for a date to volunteer in the classroom, please do so ASAP. The calendar is on the parent's board in the classroom. Thank you, we love the help.

**ADVENTURES IN FAITH BOOK FAIR** ~ The book fair will be here from November 8-15 in the MPR. You can look at the books on November 8 and 15 after the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services and November 9-13 from 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. If you can help to take orders during any of these times please talk with Mrs. Olson. Thank you. This is an excellent opportunity to purchase gifts for Christmas.

**Friday Lunch** ~ Thank you to Bruce and Ginny Neighbor for supplying cupcakes for desert for our Friday Lunch last week. Thank you to Beth Hodgson, Gina Ramp, and Becky Kieta for cooking and serving our Friday Lunches every week. This meal is a PTO fundraiser. If you would like to consider helping us by either serving for this meal or donating deserts or other items our children and our school would appreciate it. Thank you again for this blessing of a special meal.

**Hot Lunch Change** ~ The menu that came home last week had an error on it. It said that there will be hot lunch on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Since there is a half day of school that day there will be no hot lunch served. Thank-you for your understanding.

**College Funding Seminar** ~ Are you prepared for college? Learn how to make it easier to fund your child's college education if you start today. Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.at Huron Valley Lutheran High School, 33740 Cowan Rd, Westland. Register by calling HVL at 734-525-0160 or Thrivent at 734-455-9272. This workshop will be presented by Jay Kempf, FIC and Thomas Schwartz, HVL Guidance Counselor. Complimentary pizza and refreshments will be served beginning at 5:30, and the one-hour seminar will begin at 6:30.

**Grades 3-8 Sing on November 15** ~ In addition to the students singing in both services, the 7-8<sup>th</sup> graders will be playing the chimes and all students must be in attendance for us to play. If for some reason your child cannot be there, please let Mrs. Ott know so that we can make other arrangements for their part.

**Musicians Wanted for HVL Holiday Craft/Vendor Show on Dec. 5 from 10-3** ~ Last year we were able to provide some entertainment in the form of colored bells, instruments, singing, and piano. We will again use this opportunity to share our talents and will hopefully add chimes and recorder to the mix. All ages are welcome. For planning purposes, please fill out the form below as to what events and what time your child can participate. A more detailed schedule will be made when I have an idea how many will be participating. Those that participated enjoyed playing for an "audience" last year and it helped us prepare our songs for church as well. Please fill out and return the form on the last page of this memo to the office by Monday, Nov. 9. Contact Mrs. Ott with any questions. Thank-you!

**HVL ART FAIR** ~ The HVL Art Fair will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2009. Start thinking about the art projects you want to make. **Art projects are due on Friday, November 13.** At that time I will give you a special number to attach to your project before you enter it in the fair. If you have any questions please see Mrs. Olson. Thank you.

**HVL Fine Arts Fair** ~ We are looking forward to the HVL Fine Arts Fair coming up on Saturday, November 21. Below are the rosters for our math and spelling teams. If your child is on either of the rosters, and you know you will not be able to make it on the 21<sup>st</sup>, please let us know as soon as possible. Please keep in mind that your students were HAND PICKED to represent our school on these teams. They have demonstrated their gifts in math and/or spelling at a very high level. Be proud of them and the abilities the Lord has blessed them with. We need volunteers to serve as judges for the above mentioned competitions. If you are able and interested please let Mr. Wilson know as soon as possible. Thanks!

