



What Wild Things Are Going on in K and 1?

10/14/24

In Christ-light week we are learning about the responses that two groups of people had when they heard Jesus preach. First, we will look at what happened when Jesus preached in his hometown of Nazareth. The people heard Jesus teaching but rejected him as the Promised Savior and even tried to throw him off a cliff! The people of Capernaum had a very different response. They heard the message and believed it. They marveled at Jesus' words and were amazed because he showed his authority as God's Son.

May we always be like those of Capernaum who received God's message with joy and thanks for all he has done for us!

The children did a great job singing in church yesterday! It was wonderful to hear all their voices praising God together! The next time we will sing in church will be the song, "We Will Glorify" and we will record it after chapel and show the recording in church on November 17. There is a recording of this song available for home practice on our school website (www.stjohnpeshtigo.org/school) under the "Parent Resources" tab.

In Kindergarten the class will finish their Aa books this week and will start to learn about the letter Dd. Our new Superkid friend is named Doc, and she loves fixing broken toys. Notice we are not learning the letters in ABC order. The order we are learning our letters is partially based on letter formation. All the lowercase letters we have learned start in the same spot as the letter c. Learning the "special starting spot" for all these letters helps children distinguish between letters as we keep learning more and more of them. Remind your child to use the "special starting spot" every time they write their letters. So many children mix up the letters d and b. In our room we learn these letters at different times of the year, and we learn that when we write we start them in different spots. The letter d starts in the same place as the c does, goes up to the middle line and around to the bottom line, then goes straight up all the way to the top line and comes back down to the bottom line. I know it may seem picky but helping your child form these correctly now will really help later as they learn to read.

**Grade 1
Spelling
Words:**

this
that
thin
think
thank
bath
path
math
cloth
moth

In first grade the students are working on Unit 2 in reading class. This unit focuses on words with the "th" and "wh" sounds. At this age many children often pronounce the "th" sound as an "f" sound. I've been emphasizing that the "th" sound is made with sticking out your tongue, while the "f" sound is made with your tongue in your mouth behind your teeth. I encourage you to check how your child says words that start with the "th" sound and make sure to remind them to use the correct lip and mouth position for it. **Their spelling test is on Friday, October 18.**

As we approach the end of the first quarter, all students in K-8 take a MAP test. In kindergarten and first grade the children take 2 tests: one in math and one in reading. This is a standardized test that students take on the computer. The students use headphones and a Chromebook during the test. At this grade level, students will have all of their questions read to them and they will be picking an answer. This first test will give me a baseline of where each child is starting and will help inform my lesson planning to best meet each student's needs. Students will have a total of three MAP tests this year, so we look forward to seeing their growth as the year progresses.

Field trip information – Everything is booked for our field trip this week Wednesday! Please read the attached note about our trip.

For those of you who are meeting us at BerryLand for the afternoon, you are welcome to take your child home directly from BerryLand. Once we get back to school we are not having any additional structured classes, so your child is free to go a little bit early and not miss out on lessons.

Regarding the lunches: Many of our classroom families are joining us for the picnic lunch at BerryLand. To simplify things on the bus, if you are joining us for lunch please bring your child's lunch when you come to BerryLand. Those who are not able to join us, your child should bring their lunch as usual to school and I will make sure to bring them along on the bus.

For all kids: Please pack an easy to eat snack for them to take along in their jacket pocket. They can eat it on the bus before we arrive at the play so they have something for their morning snack time.

School Website – I upload our classroom's weekly note, Memory Work Calendar, and recordings of songs we are learning (when I can find them) onto the school's website: www.stjohnpeshtigo.org/school. You can find our classroom documents under the "Parent Resources" tab.

Hot lunch - Friday is our hot lunch day. Hot lunch this week is 5-cheese ziti, garlic bread, and cheesecake dessert. The meal costs \$2.00 and the money is brought in the morning on Friday. Your child can just give me the money when they come into the classroom. If your child prefers not to have hot lunch, that's totally fine. Just make sure to send a cold lunch for them.

Let's have a terrific week!

Mrs. Myslik