

What Wild Things Are Going on in K and 1?

10/7/24



In Christ-light this week we will learn about two people that Jesus met and taught one-on-one. Our first lesson will be about Jesus teaching Nicodemus. Nicodemus was a Pharisee who met with Jesus at night so the other Pharisees would not know about his interest in Jesus' teachings. Jesus taught Nicodemus that it is only through faith in Him as the promised Savior that people receive eternal life. Our second lesson is about when Jesus taught a Samaritan woman. Historically the Jews and Samaritans did not get along, yet it was to this lowly woman, a "sinner" that Jesus chose to

share that he is the Savior. How amazing to think that Jesus loved her so much that he was willing to forgive her many sins of adultery and share the gospel with her! **How amazing to think that Jesus loves US so much that he forgives OUR many sins, too!**

SINGING IN CHURCH – This week Sunday, October 13 is a special day here at St. John! It is the 150th Anniversary of our church! Amazing! What a blessing to have God's Word be shared for all of these years! Our students have worked hard to learn the song **we are singing in church** for this special celebration service. We are singing the first hymn at the beginning of the service. When the song is finished the children will be excused to sit with their families for the remainder of the service. Following the service the church is having a special celebration potluck meal, and all families are invited to come. **The service begins at 10:30am** and we ask the children to **arrive by 10:20am and go directly upstairs to the balcony** until we sing. If it is possible, try to sit in a place near the aisle so your child can find you easily when they come downstairs to join you after we sing.

This week the **kindergarteners** are learning all about the letter Aa and Superkid Alf, who loves to go on different adventures. He likes camping in his backyard and pretending to go on wild adventures to faraway places.

Each day when we begin our reading lesson, I work with the children on phonemic awareness. We do different word games to help them with rhymes, taking apart words into their individual sounds, and figuring out the first sound of a word. The kids are doing a good job of identifying the beginning sound for words that begin with C, O, G, and A. We have also started listening and identifying the middle sounds in words with the short a and o.

Grade 1 Spelling

Pattern Words:

cash
dash
crash
trash

Memory Words:

where
what
why
when
which
who

In first grade we are learning about the sound "wh" makes in a word. We will be learning a lot of question words that all start with the wh letter combination. These can be very tricky, so plan to spend some extra time on them this week. **The next first grade spelling test is on Friday, October 11.**

Fire Prevention Week: October 7-11 is Fire Prevention Week here at school. We will be talking about fire safety, and will continue to learn about being safe. One topic we will cover is calling 911 for help, and what to say if you must call for help. This includes telling the dispatcher your home address. **Please work with your child to learn their full address** so they can get help if it is ever needed.

Hot lunch - Friday is our hot lunch day. Hot lunch this week is chicken nuggets, tater tots, and bananas. 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.

Field trip information – Everything is booked for our field trip on **October 16**. The note with all the details about the trip went home last week. This is the plan for the day:

- 8:00am Load onto the bus to drive to Fox Valley Lutheran High School in Appleton
- 9:30am Enjoy the play, "Alice in Wonderland"
- 10:45am Load onto the bus to drive to BerryLand in Abrams
- 12:00pm Arrive at BerryLand, have picnic lunch, hayride, pick pumpkins, and explore the patch
- 2:00pm Load bus and return to school

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.

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.

Let's have an awesome week!

Mrs. Myslik