



What Wild Things Are Going on in K and 1?

12/9/24

It's all about trust this week. In both of our Word of God lessons we learn how Jesus taught his disciples (and us!) to trust in him to take care of all their needs. Our first lesson is Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand. In the lesson Jesus challenges the disciples to provide enough food for the large crowd. While the disciples recognized that they did not have the resources to feed all the people, they didn't see that the one who provides for all our needs was right in front of them.

How often this happens to us, too! We worry about all kinds of things, fretting and losing sleep, while the solution to all our problems is right here! **Let's take this lesson to heart and recognize that our Savior Jesus will provide for all our needs.**

In Kindergarten reading we are continuing to learn about the letter li and Superkid Icky. By the end of the week we will start our new unit about three Superkids who are best friends: Tic, Tac, and Toc. These three girls call themselves "Triple Trouble" because they love playing together, being loud, silly, and having fun. We are learning about the sound the letter Tt makes, too!

As we learn to read, there are many common words in our language that are used frequently. As the children encounter these "sight" or "memory" words, they are not able to sound them out according to the rules we have learned, so far. Students must memorize the letters and recognize that word by sight. Last week our class was introduced to the first of these memory words, "a". When your child is reading this word, make sure they are saying it properly using the "uh" sound (as in America, not the "short a" sound like in apple, or the "long a" sound like in apron).

Our **first graders** are starting a new reading unit and we are introducing long vowels this week. This is a really big step for our first graders because up until now we have only been using the short vowel sound as we sound out words. Any long vowel words we encountered were considered "Memory Words." Now the students will learn the second major sound that each of the vowels can make and rules about when to use a long vowel sound instead of a short vowel sound as they are reading. **Their spelling test will be on Friday, 12/13/24.**

Grade 1 Spelling List Tested on 12/13/24:

long o words:

1. go
2. no
3. so

long e words:

4. be
5. he
6. me
7. she
8. we

long i word:

9. hi

long u word:

10. flu

Don't forget, we have our School Children's Christmas Service this week **Saturday, December 14 at 3:00pm**. Please take the opportunity to invite family and friends to join us for this special service when the children get to present the Christmas account in word and song! After the service we will have a time for families to enjoy a snack of cookies and cocoa. Special thanks to all the families who are bringing cookies for after the service! You are appreciated!!!

On **Friday, December 20**, we are having our classroom **CHRISTMAS PARTY!** For our party day we are having a **PAJAMA AND FUZZY SOCKS DAY!** Students may wear their coziest (clean) pajamas and socks for the day at school. If they are Christmas themed, it's even better!

During our classroom party we will have a gift exchange. Please try to keep the gift cost around \$5. Girls should bring a gift appropriate for a girl, and boys for a boy. **Please mark the tag, "For a boy" or "For a girl" and who it is from.** We will be playing a game to decide who will be getting each present. We have started decorating our classroom for Christmas and our tree is up. Children can bring their gifts for the exchange anytime starting tomorrow. **Please make sure your child's gift for the exchange is here by Wednesday, Dec. 18.**

If any parents would like to help with our Christmas party, I would welcome the help! I'm looking for people to help plan a few (3-4) games for the children and make a craft (or two, if they are short crafts). **We'll be starting our party after chapel, about 9:00, and go until lunch time, at 11:45.** It is an early release day, so school dismisses just after lunch recess, at 1:00. **If you are able to help out, please let me know via email or a note. Thanks!!**

We are looking for parent help providing snacks for our party day. There is a Sign-Up Genius on our school website (www.stjohnpeshtigo.org) to let us know how you can help out. Look under the "Sign-up Genius" tab and follow the link to the sign-up. All the special treats and snacks will be shared as a buffet of deliciousness for the children of our school. The school will provide hot lunch that day.

Remember, this week Friday we have chapel, hot lunch, and Show-and-tell time.

Hot lunch this week is mac and cheese, hot dogs on a bun, fruit, and ice cream.

Have a super week!

Mrs. Myslik