

## What Wild Things Are Going on in K and 1?

8/27/24



**Welcome back to school!** I am super excited to begin our school year! This year we will be learning so many wonderful things in our room! We want to welcome our new students to our room! Our kindergarteners are: Devan and James DuFay, Hunter Kniskern, Naomi Langebartels, Sophie Lemke, Jocce Mech, Bennett Rugg, Jaxon and Josslyn Schimming, and Autumn Sobek. We also have returning first graders, Lacy Archambault, Eli Boucher, Clyde Cherney, Oliver Hartwig, Jacob McClain, Harlyn McDonald, Frankie Seewald, and Corra Williams. We have a wonderful teacher's aide,

Mrs. Gonzalez, helping out each day as well. That makes 18 total students, a teacher's aide, and one excited teacher in our classroom! 😊

Just a reminder...our school day begins at 8:00 a.m. and students are welcome to arrive starting at 7:45a.m.

**Christ-light** – During our Word of God class we are focusing on the New Testament lessons, starting with the angel Gabriel announcing the births of John and Jesus, and the birth of John the Baptist.

**Prayers** – Every day before we eat lunch we will say a meal time prayer together. I am including the words in case your child asks to use it at home.

Our hands we fold, our heads we bow,  
For food and drink we thank you now.  
Accept our thanks, O Lord, we pray,  
For all the blessings you grant each day. A-men.

We will close our day with a prayer as well. The end of day prayer will get changed every so often during the school year, but we will start the year with verse 3 from Away in a Manger:

Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay,  
Close by me forever, and love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,  
And take us to heaven to live with you there.

**Memory Work** - Our first assignment is coming up next week Wednesday (9/4/24). It is the first sentence of the Apostles' Creed that talks about Jesus. **"I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord."** Their second assignment is the words to a song verse called, "Sing, Glory Glory" (due on Friday, 9/6/24). Note: The words are sung to the tune of "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" and the kids can sing or say the words to me:

In a manger on the hay,  
Jesus lay on Christmas Day.  
Born as our Immanuel,  
He is God with us to dwell.

We will practice both in class, but they will need to polish it up at home with you. Please make sure to practice the memory work with your child(ren) at home. When your children come to school, they should be ready to say the Bible passage or hymn verse to me.

**Kindergarteners** – During reading class we will have lessons about each letter of the alphabet. The book series we use for reading instruction is called, “The Superkids.” We will study each letter for about a week. The first letter we will study is the letter C. As we learn each letter there will be a “Superkid” whose name starts with that letter. Our first Superkid is named **Cass**, and she loves to **cook** and has a **cat** named **Coconut**.

In kindergarten math we will start with learning each number up through 10.

**First grade** - We will start off the year with a review of all the letters of the alphabet, especially reviewing the vowel sounds, using the book “Welcome Back, Superkids.” We will read some fun stories about our Superkids friends and review many of the concepts introduced in kindergarten reading.

In math, our first graders will start off the year working on proper number formation and counting.

Grading - First grade is the beginning of “traditional grades” in our school. Students will have more independent work to do which will be graded on a percentage scale. On the top of your child’s assignment you will see a fraction that shows the number correct over the number of total points available. That fraction will get converted into a percent and a letter grade will be assigned. If a lower grade is earned (anything in the D or F range), I will go over the errors and have the student to fix their mistakes and return the paper. The page will be re-checked and re-graded.

**Hot lunch** - Friday is our hot lunch day. Hot lunch this week is **chicken nuggets and buttered noodles**. 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.

**We are still looking for additional families to make and serve hot lunch.** If you are willing to do this, please sign up using the Sign-Up Genius tab on our school website: [www.stjohnpeshtigo.org](http://www.stjohnpeshtigo.org). Right now, we have lots of open slots, so please consider taking a turn. The children really love it when their parents come in for hot lunch, and it makes it a special day for them.

**Show and Tell** - Each Friday we will also have Show and Tell. Children are all encouraged to bring in something special to them to share with the class. Please make sure the items can fit safely in their backpacks and use extra caution if sending something fragile. While they may really like to share an item, some things might be better if they are not brought to school. Sending a picture of the item would be better than sending something that would get wrecked. I would really hate to have anything broken while traveling to and from school!

**Save the date** - Plans are already in the works for our first field trip. We have booked our annual Pumpkin Patch trip for Wednesday, October 16. Chaperones are welcome at the Pumpkin Patch!

Let’s have a fantastic first week of school!

Mrs. Myslik