

NEWSLETTER

Grace | Faith | Scripture | Ephesians 2:8

Tuesday - 17th

D.A.R.E. Class - 1:20 PM

First Bowling Practice
3:30-4:30 PM @ Borough Bowl

Wednesday - 18th

The 3rd Petition

Combined Spelling Bee 5 PM

Thursday - 19th

Hymn 375 st. 1, 3

Bowling Practice
3:30-4:30 PM @ Borough Bowl

Friday - 20th

Proverbs 3:5, Psalm 31:15

Saturday - 21st

Twin Cities Fine Arts Festival,
St. Croix Lutheran, 9 AM-4 PM

Sunday - 22nd

K-2 sings for Church 9 AM

Monday-Wednesday

7th-8th Trip to Camp Phillip



News and Updates

Religion: Our focus has shifted to kings. We looked at Saul, the first chosen leader of Israel and how we might be nervous to serve too. God gives us the strength and abilities to make decisions pleasing to his will. As we pray, “Your kingdom come” and “Your will be done,” we ask that he may make us strong and faithful servants to carry out his work in this world for the good of the heavenly kingdom.

Math: The 5th graders made quick work of finding fractional parts of whole numbers, dividing by fractions using pictures, calculating simple square roots, and visualizing transformations. The 6th grade math class picked up some new skills to solve proportions using cross multiplication and to find the area of a circle. They also showed enthusiasm and expertise in finding missing factors of multiplication problems.

Reading: The students had wonderful discussions of the first few chapters. They are making quick friends with the Mole, the Rat, and Mr. Toad. We will see what adventures lie down the road for our furry, fad-fanatic friends!

Reminders...

- On April 21, we will go up to St. Croix for the Twin Cities Fine Arts Festival. Please check your email for more information about this event.
- G.I.G.A.T.T! (Ask your child what it means)

English: After reviewing the noun and pronoun jobs early in the week, we discussed library and book resources. We also practicing writing sentences using linking verbs and predicate nouns. We look forward to comparison and contrast essays in this coming week.

Science: This week we focused on physical properties of matter. We discussed the connections between mass, volume, and density, and we did not have to *wait* to discover the difference between mass and *weight*. Meanwhile, we saw why some objects float and some sink, examined conductors and insulators (good for snowy days like these), and discussed magnetism. All these lessons are *compounding* the student's knowledge on truly *elemental matters*. [I apologize; I love science puns.]

Social Studies: Our new chapter began, covering the bottom half of our hemisphere. We discovered that the geography of South America is not so different from ours, while identifying a famous waterfall from the movie *Up*. Meanwhile, we started learning about the cultural influences of South America that still have an effect today. The student's may petition to watch *Emperor's New Groove*. It's relevant or something like that... :)

Mary Bleckwehl: Author Mary Bleckwehl came and presented on Wednesday, telling us about her unexpected journey to being an author. She gave valuable advice about the writing process while also having a little bit of fun with the kids. I am glad that the students have been able to meet some authors in person and hear their experiences.

Teacher's Note: We begin this fourth quarter with confidence and joy. I love the day-to-day progress that I am seeing from these students. Let's keep them motivated all the way. If you have any questions during this final quarter, let me know. As always, "I thank my God every time I remember you." (Philippians 1:3-11) God bless your week!

