



Weekly School Note

Divine Peace Lutheran School, 1500 Brown Station Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

Friday, April 25, 2008

Report Cards – Report cards were sent home on Wednesday. Please sign and return your child's report card after you have had a chance to look it over.

International Night – International Night will be held tonight, April 25 at 7 PM.

Please arrive at school by 6:45 PM to set out your dish to share. Our evening will begin with a potluck meal. Children are to bring a dish to share that is reflective of the country they are reporting on. It would be great to have a label with their dish to let everyone know what is being served.

The North Atlantic District Teacher's Conference will be held at our school on **May 1st and 2nd**. There will be **no school** on these days. Your assistance is sought to help get a number of things prepared for the conference (copying, collating, preparing snacks and meals, etc.). Please speak with Mr. Roux if you could offer a helping hand.

Field Day – Field Day will be in 2 weeks – **May 9, 2008**. We can use help with field day set-up on Thursday evening, May 8, starting at 6:30 pm. We can also use help on field day with events, snack bar, and making sure the children are at their events. Also, if you have a cooler at home, we would like to borrow some to use for the snack bar. Please contact Mr. or Mrs. Roux if you can help with any of these tasks.

Tuition Accounts – All accounts must be paid-in-full before graduation or records are released. Please contact the school office to make any necessary arrangements.

Morning Arrival – Please assist your child in having a positive start to his/her school day by making certain your child arrives in plenty of time prior to 8:15 am to: unpack his/her bag, use the bathroom, organize papers, discuss important items with his/her teacher and to get ready for the school day. Many students are arriving too close to 8:15 am to allow them to properly get ready and focused for their day to begin on time. Thank you.

CLASSROOM NEWS

Grades One and Two

- **WOG/Hymnology:** This week we learned hymn 429 for recitation. In Word of God we learned about the early Christian church and the events that happened after Jesus resurrection. Remember, Thursday is Ascension Day. We are reading Psalms for devotion during poetry month.
- **Math:** This week in math the first graders are working on making charts and adding/subtracting 9. They are also reviewing double digit adding (without regrouping) and working on measuring with inches. The second graders are working on double digit subtracting with borrowing and reviewing double digit adding with regrouping. They are working with perimeter and centimeters and using/creating graphs and charts. Both grades had tests yesterday.
- **Poetry Month:** Welcome to Poetry Month. We are so excited about our poetry and we are working with it every day. We will be hosting a Poetry Reading Party on the 30th. All are invited.
- **Spelling:** We are taking the week off from spelling units this week. We are using spelling skills every day when we write and edit during poetry month.
- **International Night:** We finished our posters this week. Please remember to work on costumes and a dish to share.
- **Social Studies:** 2nd grade started their last unit on people and places in history. First grade took their unit 5 test, and started unit 6. This last unit is on our country and our world.
- **Science:** Our popcorn seeds have sprouted and we are going to have to plant them soon. We also started a unit on plants.
- **Art:** Today we finished our spring flower pictures.

Grades Three through Five

- o **Bible History:** This week we looked at the ministry of Saul/Paul and how we should also share our faith.
- o **Hymnology:** 429 "What God Ordains is Always Good" 3rd: 1, 5 4th: 1, 2, 5 5th: 1,2,4,5
- o **3rd Math:** Our test next week will be Monday May 5th.
- o **Math 54:** We will have a test next week Monday. A review was done today in class.
- o **English:** We finished working on our International Night projects and also began a review of the topics covered this year.
- o **Reading:** This week we talked about making Inferences while reading.
- o **Science:** We finished up our last Unit in Science and will begin revisiting some of the topics we covered through the year.
- o **Social Studies:** 3rd and 4th grade will take their test on Monday. Their review was handed back on Thursday so they are able to use it when they study this weekend. 5th grade will have a test on Tuesday.

- **Book Report:** This month is National Poetry Month. Each student should choose 2-3 poetry books to read. At the end of the month he or she should choose 3 poems to type out, mount on construction paper and be ready to read/ present the poems to our class for a poetry reading. **Reports are due Wednesday, April 30**
- **Student of the Week:** Next week our Student of the Week will be Arrey. She will be able to bring her show and tell, along with her favorite book on Thursday or Friday.

Grades Six through Eight

- In *Hymnology* this morning we studied the hymn, “What God Ordains Is Always Good.” Our class discussion centered on the plans God has for our lives and how often our plans don’t always line up with what God has planned. Isn’t it wonderful when we turn our plans, dreams, and hopes over to the Lord and let his will be done.
- *Algebra 1* – Lesson 105 (practice + any 20)
- *Algebra ½* - Lesson 104 (practice + all) – *Distributive Property, Estimating Higher-Order Roots*
- *Math 76* – Lesson 99 (practice + all) – *Fraction/Decimal/Percentage Equivalents*
- *English 6-7-8* – Today we continued our work on persuasive writing. Using their student notes, students were to choose 1 goal, audience, “how,” along with 2 reasons and 2 facts for each reason. We listened to a speech entitled “Summer Daydream” in class today about hiking in the northeast. We evaluated the speech – looking for the goal, reasons, and facts.
- *Reading 6-7-8* – Using the notes we took while reading *Al Capone...* and *The Adventures of Maude March*, we worked on our pop-up books in class today.
- *Vocabulary for Achievement* – Test schedule for next week: Monday (Units 7-8), Tuesday (Units 1-4), and Wednesday (Units 5-8).
- *Spelling Unit 33* is due this coming Wednesday. We will write our practice test on Monday and our final test on Wednesday.
- *Social Studies 6* – Ancient Rome was the focus of this past week. Lesson 5: Rise and Fall (pages 298-304 + questions 1-5) is due on Monday morning. Remember to complete your worksheet on section 4
- *History 78* – This week we wrapped up our study of the “Roaring Twenties.” Please complete your unit review on pages 742-743 (questions 1-10 (create the crossword puzzle and give the proper clues – do this on a separate piece of paper so we can exchange them on Monday to review our information), 11-23 (in complete sentences), “Creating a Chapter Summary” is for extra-credit) for Monday. We will review on Monday. Essay information and a practice tests will be given to the class on Monday as well and our test will be written on Wednesday.
- *Physical Education* classes will be on Monday and Wednesday this coming week. Mr. Denbow is helping with our softball unit. Please dress accordingly. *Spanish* will be held on Tuesday and Thursday.
- *End-of- the-Year Field Trip:* On May 20th we will travel to Luray Caverns in Virginia for our end of the year trip. We will tour the caverns, the car and carriage museum, and go through the garden maze. We will have lunch at the caverns as part of our tours. If you would like to chaperone for this field trip, please contact Mr. Roux. The cost of the field trip will be \$10 per child, and \$20 per chaperone. A permission slip will be sent home soon.