



# Weekly School Note

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

Friday, October 19th, 2007

**Singing in Church.** The students will sing in the 11 AM service this **Sunday, October 21**. Please meet in Mr. Roux's classroom at 10:40am. Miss Spielbauer's class will provide the refreshments for fellowship time following the service.

**School Pictures.** School pictures were taken today. If you ordered pictures, they will be ready in a few weeks. We finished with the entire school group picture just as the rain started. The photographer will check that picture, and if it needs to be redone he will contact us to arrange a date. Thank you to Mrs. Bovell and Ms. Daniel for your assistance today!

**Soccer Day.** Students in grades 3-8 will be traveling to the YMCA in Newark, DE on **October 24<sup>th</sup>** to participate in our annual North Atlantic District Soccer Day. We will be at the same fields as we were last year. Please speak with Miss Spielbauer or Mr. Roux if you can assist or chaperone. Students will wear their soccer day shirts and bring along a sack lunch to be eaten at the park.

Students in grades 1-2 will have a field trip for the art fair on **October 24<sup>th</sup>** as well.

Permission slips were sent home today for both art fair and soccer day. Also, the children decorated shirts today for art fair and soccer day. They will be sent home next week (after they dry) for the children to wear on Wednesday.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Parent/Teacher Conferences.** Please return your blue form for parent teacher conferences on Monday if you have not already turned it in. A schedule will be sent home early next week with conference times.

**No School. Thursday, October 25,** will be a half day of school, with the afternoon set aside for parent/teacher conferences. Students will be dismissed at noon.

---There will be no school on **October 26** for conferences also.

---On **November 2** the teachers will be attending an in-service with the other teachers in the district. They will be focusing on spelling as their in-service topic.

## CLASSROOM NEWS

### Grades One and Two

There are lots of things going on next week! We are going to Delaware for the Art Fair on Wednesday, Thursday is a half day of school, and Thursday and Friday are Parent/Teacher conferences. Thank you all for returning the scheduling papers for conferences. Here is what we are working on:

**Word of God / Hymnology:** This week's hymn was 422: Jesus, Lead Us On. We will be singing at the 11 AM service on October 21<sup>st</sup>. We are studying King David in Word of God next week.

**Math:** The first graders are working hard on adding, started time tests, word problems with pictures, identifying numbers, and identifying shapes, and using pattern blocks. Second graders are reviewing clocks, some, some more word problems, are

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working with number charts, and are working on improving time test scores (although they are all doing really well already), and are learning about thermometers.

**Reading:** We are back to our reading books. The first graders are reading the story: What Can a Vet Do? and are working on ending consonants. The second graders finished Ranger Dockett this week. They are also working on long vowel sounds.

**Spelling:** The first graders started their first regular spelling unit (7) this week. They had their first spelling test today. The second graders are going to be working on Unit 9 next week.

**Social Studies:** First grade is learning about types of communities and how to get around communities using the four main directions. Second grade started their new unit about our earth. We worked with geography terms and maps this week.

**Science:** We have started a new unit on energy, magnets, and force. Yesterday we watched a Magic School Bus video about alternate forms of energy.

**Art:** Today we finished our shirts for Art Fair.

## Grades Three through Five

- **Hymnology:** Hymn 200 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" 3<sup>rd</sup> vs. 1,4 and 4<sup>th</sup> vs. 1,2,4
- **Word of God:** We discussed more about David and how he showed his love even to his enemies. We talked about how we can show our love even to our enemies as Christians.
- **Math:** 3<sup>rd</sup> grade worked with adding multiples of 10 reading and solving word problems. They also took a test which was a success. 4<sup>th</sup> graders learned about perpendicular lines and parallel lines, adding amounts of money, and Right angles. They will have a test this coming Monday next week.
- **Reading:** This week we finished Stone Fox with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and next week we will move back into our Reading book. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade also finished their novel unit and we will give presentations on Tuesday with the finished product of our Response Activity.
- **English:** More with verbs this week and next for both 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- **Spelling:** Unit 8 will be due next week Wednesday. A good way to review the words with your children is to have them look, say it, and then spell it!
- **October Book Report:** This month's theme is Science Fiction/ Fantasy. Please help your child select a book to read and have him or her bring the book in to be approved by me.
- **Classroom Captain:** Reid Harley is going to be our Class Captain next week. He will be able to bring in Favorite books to share with the class, a show and tell (preferably no pets, unless approved by me) and conduct an interview with the rest of the class!
- **Social Studies:** This week in Social Studies in 3-4 grade we discussed why different people move to new communities, and what communities offer its members.
- **Science-** This week in Science class we continued our study with Sound. We talked about how sound travels through different matter such as solids, liquids, and gas. We also did an experiment to further explore how sound travels through wood, and air. Next week we will be working more with Sound and begin to talk about Light as well.
- **Book It!!!!** : Since October has started we will also begin our Book It program. Please fill out the Calendar that your child brought home a few weeks ago and return the calendar at the end of the month for your child to receive a certificate for free pizza.

## Grades Six through Eight

- **Hymnology:** This week we studied "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Martin Luther's hymn is often referred to as the "Battle Hymn of the Reformation." 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders will recite all verses on Monday. As part of our daily **devotions** we have been looking at the life and times of Martin Luther through the book, Luther, A Servant of God. Our afternoon devotions this week have focused on reasons to praise God. Let's remember to daily thank God for all of his loving kindnesses.
- **Math:** This coming Tuesday we will be writing our next tests. Tests will cover material from lessons 1-30 (primarily lessons 20-25).
- **English 6:** We wrote our test on "nouns" this week. Today we started our next chapter on verbs.
- **English 78:** Simple verbs tenses have been reviewed this week along with verb phrases.
- **Spelling:** Great job everyone on Unit 7!!! Unit 8 is due this week Wednesday. Those of you who have already completed Unit 8 may move on to complete Unit 9 for Wednesday. We will be testing the words from Unit 8 only on Wednesday of this coming week.
- **Vocabulary for Achievement:** Unit 8 is due this coming Wednesday.
- **Science:** This week we began our next chapter in chemistry. We learned about the periodic table of elements, how it was formed, arranged, and what information is available on it. Our work for today was section two. Please review both section one and two for Monday. Your section 2 worksheets are due on Monday as well.
- **Social Studies:** Currently studying Egypt in Bible History, our current chapter ties right in! Please review section one on pages 78-81 for Monday. Remember to complete all activities (questions 1-5) on page 81 for Monday.

- **History:** This week we started a compelling chapter – Slavery Divides the Nation. We have worked through sections one and two in class. Please review section 2 (pages 463-466) at home this weekend.
- **Reading:** This week we completed our placement tests for our reading skills for “Phonics/Word Study,” “Finding Details, and “Getting the Main Idea.”
- **NewsCurrents:** Today we discussed the following issues: Voter ID, monarch butterfly migration, and Dumpster-Diving “Freegans.” Marion Jones’s guilty plea, Benazir Bhutto’s plight for freedom and re-entrance into the political scene of Pakistan, along with a look at Theodore Roosevelt, made up our section on famous people.
- **Happy Birthday** to Regina! Thank you for the great tasting chocolate chip and sugar cookie bars. **Happy Birthday** to Bryan! We really enjoyed your cake and drinks on Wednesday with our lunch! Thanks to Bryan’s mom and aunt for visiting us as well. May God bless you both as you grow and learn of Him.
- The following dates have been approved for our **classroom trips to the Kennedy Center**. Chaperone tickets (1) are available for each performance. Please speak to me as soon as possible to reserve your seat if you wish to help chaperone either of these events.
  - Don Giovanni – Opera (November 13, 2007 --- 10:30am) and The Phantom Tollbooth (November 20, 2007 --- 10:15am)
- Our classroom could use 20 of the individual *Pringle potato chip* cans for an upcoming art project. (We’d like to have the cardboard containers by the November 5<sup>th</sup>.)