



Weekly School Note

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

Friday, November 9, 2007

Parent Meeting. Tonight, November 9th from 7-8pm. The gym will be open for your children while we meet in the fellowship hall. This meeting will recap our school year, follow-up on Teacher's Conferences, and help you plan for the next portion of our school year.

Singing in Church. The students will sing in the 8:30 AM service this **Sunday, November 11**. Please meet in Mr. Roux's classroom at 8:10 am. Mr. Roux's class will provide the refreshments for fellowship time following the service.

Piano Lessons. Next week piano lessons will be held on **Wednesday**.

School Pictures. The photographer spoke with us earlier this week. Individual and classroom pictures will be ready within the next week. The group photo of the entire school will need to be redone because of the rain. A note will be sent home when this photo has been rescheduled. The children will all need to wear their white Divine Peace shirts to have the photo retaken.

LOOKING AHEAD

November 16 will mark the end of the second grading term. Report cards will be sent home the following Wednesday.

No School. School will be dismissed at noon on **November 21** for the Thanksgiving Break. There is no school November 22 or 23.

CLASSROOM NEWS

Grades One and Two

Hello Parents,

This has been a great week. The weather has made recess lots of fun. I can't wait for fall's beautiful colors. Here is what we are working on:

WOG/Hymnology: This week's hymn was 573: Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying. We studied Ahab, Jezebel and Elijah this week in Word of God. Yesterday's story was about Naboth's Vineyard.

Math: The first graders are working hard on counting and identifying numbers and identifying shapes. Second graders are reviewing clocks, days of the week, are working with number charts, and using/creating graphs. We are all putting in some extra practice time on our time tests and word problems this week.

Reading: All of us began the Third theme of the school year this week. The first story for the first graders is Seasons and the second grade has the story Chinatown. Our next RWW will be in early December.

Spelling: This week everyone got an A+ on their spelling test! We have been using some new activities to supplement our spelling class all week. I can't wait to do more fun things this year.

English: This week we worked on our class book: How the Cheetah got his Spots. We will be finished on Monday.

Social Studies: First grade finished their second unit. Their test will be on Monday. Second grade will complete their second unit next week.

Science: Today we resumed our study of force and energy. We studied magnets today and completed some questions in the book.

Art: We are working on color and exploring chalk today. We had a lot of fun with our project.

I hope that all of you have a wonderful weekend. God bless!

Grades Three through Five

- **Hymnology:** Hymn 573 "Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying" 3rd: vs. 1,4; 4th and 5th: vs. 1,2,4
- **Word of God:** In Bible History this week we learned about King Ahab and Elijah, along with Naboth's vineyard. Our topic of discussion was spreading God's word to others and not coveting what other people have.

- **Math:** 3rd grade will have a test next week Wednesday. 4th grade will be having a test Next week Monday. I will send home a study guide for you to review with your child at home this weekend. 5th grade worked with percents, different kinds of angles, and rounding numbers. There will be a test next Tuesday.
- **Reading:** This week in reading we spent some time working together to do buddy reading in all grades. 3rd grade discussed identifying with characters and 4th grade learned how a KWL Chart can help when reading articles. 5th grade worked with Autobiographies.
- **English:** 3rd grade tested on Verbs this week and we began looking at Adjectives. 4th grade is finishing up their unit on verbs and will be ready for a test on Tuesday next week. We will review on Monday in class. Please have your child complete the review on pages 120-121.
- **Spelling:** Unit 11 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!
- **Social Studies:** This week grades 3-4 took their test on moving to new communities. Their next chapter is about celebrations in communities. 5th grade also had a test, and the new chapter is about the first colonies in the new world.
- **Science-** We got deeper into our lessons with Light. Next week we will do more. A test is scheduled for the following week. I will be sure that a review will get sent home prior to the test.
- **Spanish-** This week Spanish class we got into more with clothing vocabulary, and working with forms of verbs.
- **November Book Report:** This month's theme is Animals. 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:** Kaitlyn Roux is going to be our Class Captain next week. She 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!
- **Book It!!!!** : We will continue our Book it program. Please fill out the Calendar and return it at the end of the month for your child to receive a certificate for free pizza.

Grades Six through Eight

- **Hymnology** – This week we worked on the words for our song for Sunday. We also studied hymn 593- Now the Night has Gone Away. 6th-8th graders will recite all verses on Monday.
- **Our classroom is hosting the fellowship hour this Sunday (after 2nd service). Your assistance is needed. Please bring something to share for refreshments. Help setting things out and cleaning up afterwards is greatly appreciated.**
- **Math** – This week Math 65 worked with decimals, money, and angles. Math 76 learned about square roots and +/- decimal numbers. Algebra ½ spent time with rates and ratios. Algebra 1 students worked with larger strings of polynomials. We worked with factoring and also the distributive property.
- **Spelling** – Unit 11 due next week Wednesday.
- Vocabulary for Achievement – Unit 11 due next week Thursday.
- **Reading 6** – This week we started the novel, *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*. Remember to finish reading chapters 4-5-6 for Monday morning.
- **Reading 78** – We completed reading “Rikki-Tikki-Tavi” this week. We watched a video of the story in class today. Remember to complete the activities on pages 131-132-133 for Monday morning. Next week we will be reading a story by O. Henry. Does anyone have a recording or video of “The Gift of the Magi” that we could borrow?
- Our study of **Martin Luther** continues. Please complete section 13 for Monday morning. Remember to answer questions #1-#7.
- **Science** – This week we wrote our test on chapter 3. Next week we begin our last chapter study on Chemistry.
- **Social Studies** – 6th graders completed their review for their test on Ancient Egypt. Worksheets to assist with further review (and essay questions) were given to the students today. We will review in class on Monday and write our test on Tuesday of next week.
- **US History** – 7th and 8th graders completed Chapter 16. Our study ended with the first battle of the Civil War. Your chapter review is due on Monday. We will review on Tuesday and write our test on Wednesday of next week.
- **Book Reports** were due today.
- In **Art** today we viewed a series of 16 art prints and started our analysis portion of study. This is part of a class that the teachers are taking at the Kennedy Center (Art as a Catalyst for Writing Poetry).
- We will be going to the **Kennedy Center** to view portions of Mozart's opera, “**Don Giovanni.**” Please complete the attached permission slip and return the slip to school on Monday. We will each out lunch here at school when we return. Students are to wear their white Divine Peace polo shirts. Mrs. Jackson and Ms. Webb are our chaperones for this trip.