



# Weekly School Note

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

**Friday, November 16, 2007**

**Today** marks the end of the second grading term. Report cards will be sent home next Wednesday.

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

**Singing in Church.** The students will sing for the December 5 Advent Service. The service will be at 7 pm. A meal is being planned for before the service.

**Pictures.** The group photo will be retaken on **Wednesday morning, November 21, 2007. Please have your child wear their white Divine Peace polo shirt and uniform pants for the picture.** Individual photos will be ready at this time. You may pick up your child's individual photos when school is dismissed at noon on Wednesday.

**Youth Group Laser Tag.** The youth group will go to Laurel XP Laser Sports on November 30<sup>th</sup>, leaving school at 6 PM and returning about 9 PM. The cost will be \$13-15 depending on the number attending. Vicar needs a count well in advance, so please let him know if you can attend. (715-938-1350) A sign-up sheet will be on the church bulletin board.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Christmas Eve Rehearsals.** Rehearsals for the Christmas Eve service will begin on Friday, November 30 at 6:30 pm. Rehearsals will be held each Friday through December 21.

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## **Uniform Reminders**

1. **Please check over your child's uniform items and replace any shirts/pants that are stained, torn, or have holes in them.**
2. **Shirts are to be tucked in.**
3. **Belts are required.**
4. **Sweatshirts and sweaters are to have the school logo.**

## **CLASSROOM NEWS**

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### **Grades One and Two**

Hello Parents,

This has been a great week. Our school campus is beautiful with all of the fall leaves. Happy Thanksgiving a little early! Here is what we are working on:

**WOG/Hymnology:** This week's hymn was 11: Comfort, Comfort All You People. We studied Elijah and Elisha this week in Word of God. Yesterday's story was about Elisha and Naaman.

**Math:** The first graders are working hard on counting and identifying numbers, days of the week, and identifying shapes. They are going to start working on subtracting facts (-1). Any flashcards to practice those will be wonderfully helpful to them. Second graders are reviewing clocks, days of the week, are working with number charts, and using/creating graphs. They are also starting to group and count as pre-activities to multiplying later this year. 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 last week. The first story for the first graders is Mr. C's Dinner and the second grade has the non-fiction story At the Firehouse. Our next RWW will be in early December.

**Spelling:** This week we took some placement tests to see how we are doing in spelling. We also worked on the review unit 12. There was no end of the week test this week.

**English:** We finished our class book: How the Cheetah Got his Spots. Everyone did a wonderful job. We are back to working out of our English books and are studying nouns.

**Social Studies:** First grade did great work on their unit 2 test. Their new unit is about Jobs. Second grade will review their unit about geography and resources on Monday. Their test will be on Wednesday, November 28.

**Science:** We are currently studying magnets and will finish up this unit **without** a test before Thanksgiving.

**Art:** Today we relaxed and painted for art.  
I hope that all of you have a wonderful weekend. God bless!

## Grades Three through Five

- **Hymnology:** Hymn 11: 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> vs. 1-2, 5<sup>th</sup> vs. 1-3
- **Word of God:** This week we discussed death and how God has control over it. We also had class discussions on how we can spread God's word.
- **Math:** 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will have a test when we return from Thanks giving break. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade will have a test on Tuesday next week. I will send home a practice test on Monday for review. 5<sup>th</sup> grade had a test this week and began the next set of lessons.
- **Reading:** 3<sup>rd</sup> grade talked about artist work and it's importance in understanding what we read. We also had fun talking about family traditions. 4<sup>th</sup> grade worked on Biographies this week. We presented those today. Ask them what they learned about their classmates. 5<sup>th</sup> grade is working on reading autobiographies and the special information we can get from them.
- **English:** 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is working on adjectives and adverbs. 4<sup>th</sup> grade began the 4<sup>th</sup> unit on adjectives, 5<sup>th</sup> grade will continued working with verbs.
- **Spelling:** Unit 12 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!
- **Science-** Monday we will have a test on Light. Each student has a copy of the study guide we reviewed together in class.
- **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:** Rashid Mosby 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!
- **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.
- **Parents:** As the weather gets cooler please be sure your child has the appropriate clothing. Hats, Gloves, and Coats. I will have any children without those stay in from recess.

## Grades Six through Eight

- **Hymnology** – In Hymnology today we studied hymn 11, “Comfort, Comfort All My People.” In this hymn we see John the Baptist offering believers the peace of Jesus through baptism, repentance, and the forgiveness of sins. What wonderful comfort we have in Christ! 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders will recite verse 1 & 4 on Monday.
- **Math** – Math 65 – Lesson 37 on fraction and equivalent percentages. They also wrote test 7. Math 76 wrote test 7 today as well. Our lessons this week focused on +,-,x / with decimals, and how to fill in empty place holders. Algebra ½ completed lesson 40 this week. Our work was with solving equations like  $2+x=10$ , but we had to do it algebraically. Algebra 1 finished their term by solving long expressions with multi-variables.
- **Reading 6** – We're reading through Avi's The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle. Remember to read chapters 13-16 for Monday.
- **Reading 78** – We've completed our reading of O. Henry's "A Retrieved Reformation." Next week we will begin our study of Robert Frost.
- **Science** – Our last chapter in Chemistry is about Carbon. We've worked through sections 1 & 2 on chemical bonds with carbon and carbon compounds. Next week we will be focusing on carbon in our everyday life. No assignment over the weekend.
- **Social Studies** – 6<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **Kennedy Center** – We will be going to the Kennedy Center on Tuesday to see a theatrical performance of Norton Jester's The Phantom Tollbooth. We watched a portion of it in class today.  
**Thanks to** Mr. Pettway, Mrs. Jackson, and Ms. Webb for chaperoning our trip this past week to see portions of Mozart's Don Giovanni.
- **Tone Chimes** – Today we practiced for the Advent Song Service on Wednesday, December 5. We're planning to play the pre-service & offering music.
- In **Art** we're finishing our Thanksgiving projects.
- **English** – English 6 – Our study of verbs continues. This week we looked at tenses and subject-verb agreement. Today we reviewed contractions. English 78 – Choosing the correct verb when the sentence order is inverted or interrupted can be a challenge. Today we proved that we have an excellent grasp on this concept.