



Weekly School Note

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

Friday, December 7, 2007

Singing in Church. The children will sing in the 11 am service on **December 9**. Miss Flister's class will be providing snacks for fellowship.

Christmas Eve Rehearsals. Rehearsals for the Christmas Eve service will continue **tonight at 6:30 pm-7:45 pm**. Rehearsals will be held each Friday through December 21. Rehearsals on Sunday 9:45 am-10:30 am. A **Family Movie Night** will be held on December 7 & 14 following the Christmas rehearsals (8-10:30 pm). Tonight we will be watching the new film, Ratatouille. The following parents have signed up to help: **December 7:** Adams, Webb, Frazier, McKennie, Whalen, Williams. **December 14:** Burnley, Frazier. Please join us for some fun and fellowship together. We would like all parents who plan on attending to sign up to help on one of the two evenings. If you are not signed up to help with the movie night, but will be attending, please plan on providing a snack for the evening – juice, chips, etc.

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices – We have kindly asked that none of these be brought to school, but many are still bringing them. Please keep them at home. Devices will be kept by Pastor or the teachers. Parents may call the school at 301.350.4522 if they have a message that needs to get to a student. The school will also notify parents in case of any emergency.

Mr. Roux has received a "Call" (job opportunity) to serve as a professor of education at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN. Please keep Mr. Roux and his family in your prayers as he considers this Call as well as the work and ministry here at Divine Peace.

Pictures/Gym Uniforms – Group pictures should arrive by the end of next week. The additional gym uniform order should be ready by Tuesday of next week.

LOOKING AHEAD

CHRISTMAS GIFTS – The penny challenge to collect money for those in need will continue through next Friday.

Cold Weather Reminders:

Please have your child prepared for recess by sending hats, gloves, scarves, etc.

School Cancellation Policy: If Prince George's County Schools are closed for the day, then Divine Peace is also closed. If PG has a delay, we will start on time. Please use your discretion on delay days to determine when it is safe to bring your child to school.

CLASSROOM NEWS

Grades One and Two

WOG/Hymnology: We are working hard on the Christmas Service songs this month. Thank you for working so hard on memory work this week!

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. The second graders are also beginning to count money with dimes, nickels, and pennies. That would be great to practice at home.

Reading: We are still working on a RWW. We are basing our writing for this workshop on different art pieces. We are also going to do a small biography study on the American artist Henry Ossawa Tanner. All of the art pieces are depicting different parts of the Christmas story.

Spelling: This week we completed our units and worked with sorting games. Everyone did a wonderful job!

English: We are nearly done with our unit on nouns. The first grade is working on specific nouns and synonyms. The second grade is working on pronouns.

Social Studies: First grade talked about the importance of taking care of needs first and saving money. Second grade is learning what goods and services are, and how important it is that we pay taxes so services can be provided in our community.

Science: We began our first unit on Earth science (features of the earth). We are looking at mountains, streams, rivers, oceans, plains, etc.

Art: Today we worked on some Christmas secrets.

Grades Three through Five

Bible History: This week we began our journey of the birth of Jesus. We learned about John the Baptist and why his birth was necessary to the world.

Hymnology: We learned hymn 40 today “O Jesus Christ your Manger Is.” Grades 3-4 grade should memorize vs.: 1, 3 and 5th grade had vs. 1, 3, and 5.

3rd Math: This week in math class was worked with multiplication and adding two digit numbers. Our focus was on the facts of 7. We are expecting a test next week Wednesday.

Math 54: 4th graders looked at multiplying two digit numbers, and by 10 and 100. We also looked at adding amounts of money. Our test is scheduled for next week Tuesday. I will send home a practice sheet Monday.

Math 65: This week we learned how to do short division, divide remainders, and making fractions with manipulatives. There will be a test next week Thursday.

English: In 3rd and 4th grade we began our unit on Sentences. This week we covered proper sentence structure and finished with using Proper Nouns and abbreviations. 5th grade began the new unit on Adjectives and Adverbs. We learned how to compare using more colorful words.

Reading: We spent the week talking about Poetry and what makes poetry unique. We evaluated a painting of Mary and Jesus and began to write similes and metaphors from observations we made last week.

Science: This week in Science we explored force and motion in Space and on Earth. We looked at toys and discussing what makes them move on Earth then learned how they work in Space through a Discovery Channel video. Next week we will wrap up our unit and have our final exam the following week.

Social Studies: Grades 3-4 are studying the environments and climates of different communities in the US. Grade 5 is studying the struggles of the early colonies.

Spanish: We will have a Spanish vocabulary quiz on Monday. Have your children study using their flash cards.

Book Report: Next book report will be in January. Have your child pick out a Biography and bring it in to be approved by me.

Field Trip: Our classroom will be going on their second part to the Nation Cathedral next Wednesday, December 12. Please have them wear their white Divine Peace shirts, and pack them a sack lunch.

Grades Six through Eight

- **Thank you** for playing tone chimes for pre-service this week in our Advent Song Service. The music sounded so nice.
- We will be **singing for church this Sunday** in our 11am service. Please meet in Mr. Roux’s classroom at 10:30am.
- **Hymnology :** Today we studied the hymn, “O Jesus Christ, Your Manger Is.” 6th-8th graders will recite verses 1, 3, and one verse of their own choosing on Monday morning.
- **Math 65:** Devon and Jazmyne are working with “short division.” This is similar to “long division,” but instead of showing all of your work you only show the remainders as you are working through the problem. Devon completed Lesson 47 today. Jazmyne is completing Lesson 45.
- **Math 76:** Our work today reviewed division, but with decimal numbers on the outside and also on the inside. We completed Lesson 49 today. Please visit the school web site and download the fact practice sheets A-H and practice these at home. Our next test will be on Tuesday, December 11th.
- **Algebra ½:** P.E.M.D.A.S (mathematical operations) were reviewed this week with fractions as well as square roots, perfect squares, and exponential notation. Our next test will be on Monday, December 10th.
- **Algebra 1:** All of our work with equations is coming in very handy right now. This week we started to solve for both x and y and to plot the answers on the Cartesian system (coordinate plane). Our next test will be on Wednesday, December 12th.
- **English 6, 78:** This week we worked with adjectives (comparison modifying, determiners, articles, etc.). Today’s assignment is due on Monday [English 6 (p188-190); English 78 Adverbs (190-192)].
- **Reading 6:** Today we added our pictures to our alphabet dictionary for *Charlotte Doyle*. We also finished reading the last section of poetry in our reading books. Next week we will be reading about Amelia Earhart.
- **Reading 78:** Narrative poetry is so much fun!!! This week we read “Casey at Bat” by E.L. Thayer. Next week we will be reading “The Three Amigos” by Piri Thomas.
- **Vocabulary for Achievement** Unit 14 is due next week Thursday.
- **Spelling** Unit 15 is due next week Monday.
- 6th graders are completing their **Social Studies** reviews on Ancient China today. We will review next week Monday and write our tests on Tuesday.
- 7th and 8th graders completed their **History** work on Chapter 17. We will begin our work on Chapter 18 – the end of the Civil War on Monday.
- In **Science** today we watched our commercials about artificial/natural sweeteners. You all did a wonderful job! Congratulations!!! We’ve completed all of our textbook work on chemistry as well. We will review early next week and write our test on chapter four next week Friday. Keep reviewing your vocabulary words and definitions.
- **NewsCurrents** today focused on Drought in the Southeast, The Appalachian trail, Australia, and The Attack on Pearl Harbor
- In **Art** class today we worked with creating our Advent banners. This next week we will begin working on our parent Christmas projects. If you have any small cookie cutters, please send them to school on Monday. Thank you for your help.
- God’s blessings to our 8th graders as they take their high school placement tests tomorrow.
- There is no **Youth Group** this week.