



Weekly School Note

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

Friday, February 15, 2008

No School – There will be no school on Monday, **February 18** for the Presidents' Day holiday.

Lunch Order – Please **do not order lunch for Friday, March 21**. This date was included on the lunch order form for March, but there is no school.

Game Day – The children from grades 3-8 in the North Atlantic District will gather at Divine Peace on **February 21st** for their annual game day. Information is attached. If you could volunteer your help for either the day or a portion of the day it would be greatly appreciated. (Please speak to Mr. Roux.)

End of grading term – The 4th grading term will end next **Friday, February 22**. Report cards will be sent home the following Wednesday.

Re-enrollment forms – Re-enrollment forms for the upcoming school year have been sent home. Tuition for the 2008-2009 school year is \$6300 per child. The book fee of \$350 per child is due with your enrollment form. Re-enrollment forms are due by **March 15**.

If you wish to make any changes to how your SMART account is paid, please see Mrs. Roux.

Basketball- AN EXTRA BASKETBALL PRACITCE WILL BE TUESDAY FEBRUARY 19.

Basketball practices will be held each Monday and Thursday from 4:30- 5:45 pm. Please plan on being at these practices.

Game dates: Monday Feb 25 @ 4pm (boys only) Monday Mar 3 @ 4pm Thursday Mar 13 @ 4pm

Please check over your child's **uniform shirts and pants**. Replace all pieces that are worn, torn, or have stains. Sweater and sweatshirts must have the Divine Peace school logo on them. All others will be sent home.

Please check over your child's **assignment book** on a daily basis. This is a great resource for developing responsibility within your child. All assignments are to be recorded. We have a number of students who are not recording assignments and thus their work is often missing as well. Please help us in this matter.

If your child is **absent or sick from school**, please call school that morning to let us know that your child will be absent and to arrange pick-up of all necessary assignments. We are concerned when a child does not show up for school and we have not heard from the parents. Thank you for your consideration.

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: This week we learned hymn 469 for recitation. In Word of God we learned about Jesus healing feeding the 5,000 and Jesus at Simon's House. We have also begun to talk about the church season of Lent.

Math: This week in math the first graders worked on adding and subtracting problems mixed together for time tests. They also worked on separating even and odd numbers. They learned to make receipts by adding 2 digit numbers and to make line segments using rulers. The second grade is working on using charts and diagrams to gain information for word problems. They are also continuing to work on adding double digit numbers. The new word problems let them use a work space for adding instead of drawing a picture. New in second grade is the hundreds place and using pictures to represent the first 3 place (ones, tens, and hundreds). We are also working with clocks, reading and drawing to every 5 minutes of the hour and fractions.

Reading: We began new stories this week. The first grade finished reading The Kite. The second graders read Jalapeño Bagels. This month's book report will celebrate Black History Month. We are making a history quilt. Next week we are going to start a Reading/Writing Workshop.

Spelling: We completed unit 26 (2nd grade) and Unit 27 (1st grade) this week and took our tests today. Everyone did an excellent job on their test.

English: We are close to finishing our unit on verbs this week. We reviewed past tense verbs and are beginning linking verbs such as is, are, was, and were. We are also working with verbs that change form instead of add an ending. We have touched on linking verbs and compared them to action verbs.

Social Studies: 1st grade learned farm history. 2nd grade is finishing their unit on the different levels of government. We will review next week and have a test the following Monday.

Science: We are working on weather in our new unit. This week we are studying types of weather (especially storms) and the water cycle. Our vocabulary words are evaporation, condensation, water vapor, hurricane, and tornado.

Art: This week we are working on self-portraits.

Grades Three through Five

Bible History: This week we discussed how God used people in the Bible to teach us how to trust him. We talked about the feeing of the 5,000, the sinful woman at Simon's house, and the death of John the Baptist.

Hymnology: We studied Hymn 469 "I am Trusting you Lord Jesus" 3: 1,2,5, 4: 1,2,3,5 5 gr: 1,2,3,4

3rd Math: Today we wrote our next test. Tuesday we will begin our next set of lessons.

Math 54: This week we caught up on times tests and began our next set of lessons. Our next test will be in two Mondays.

Math 64: Devon worked with decimals and lines segments this week. His next test is Monday.

English: This week we presented our Personal Narratives. 4 and 5th grade started a new unit on Adverbs while 3rd grade is review concepts from the beginning of the year.

Reading: This week 3rd grade talked about mysteries in reading while 4th grade worked with problem solving, and 5th grade read about people from the past.

Science: This week we finished up our unit on the Ocean. Today we watched an interesting film on how our Oceans affect our earth.

Social Studies: Grades 3-4 will have a test on Wednesday. Review information was sent home this past Wednesday. Grade 5 took a test on the events preceding the Revolutionary War, and the next chapter is on some important events during the War.

Book Report: Our February book report is due Friday February 29.

Student of the Week: Next week our Student of the Week will be Rashid. He will be able to bring his show and tell, along with his favorite book on Thursday or Friday.

Grades Six through Eight

- ◀ Special thanks to everyone for sharing their Valentines yesterday. I had a wonderful time with you at *Generous George's, Gadsby's Tavern*, and especially at the *Apothecary Museum* in Alexandria. Wasn't it cool to see the upstairs attic?!!
- ◀ Thank you to Ms. Webb and Bryan for the donut holes today. We enjoyed them this afternoon very much! The kids were also raving about Mrs. Waggoner's chocolate mint brownies that we shared during NewsCurrents. Thank you!!!
- ◀ Frances Havergal-what a blessing to Christianity! Her hymn, "**Take My Life and Let It Be**," was our study for today. The six verses recorded in our hymnal offer excellent prayers to our heavenly Father for His guidance in our life. The 6th-8th graders will recite all verses on Tuesday morning.
- ◀ **Math 65** – Devon: L71-*Decimal Place Value Through Hundredths*'
- ◀ **Math 65** – Jazmyne: L68-*Recognizing Halves*
- ◀ **Math 76** – Today we pretty neat as we worked with writing fractions as decimals. Our Lesson today was #74. Our next test will be Wednesday of next week.
- ◀ **Algebra ½** - Today we wrote test 17-B
- ◀ **Algebra I** – Our earlier study of fractions and common denominators has proved to be very useful as we work with more complex fractions and solving for "x" and "y" variables. Today we worked through Lesson #78 with *rational fractions*.
- ◀ **English 6:** *Pronouns in Compounds*, pages 288-289 (all).
- ◀ **English 78:** *Demonstrative Pronouns*, pages 299-301 (completed in class).
- ◀ **Reading 6:** *Where the Red Fern Grows*, chapters 6-7.
- ◀ **Reading 78:** skills pages 370-375 + *The Giver*, chapters 1-3.
- ◀ In *NewsCurrents* today we discussed the topics: Suharto's legacy in Indonesia, George Washington Carver, Chameleons, Bolivia, *General Tom Thumb*, and politics – what's been happening since "Super Tuesday."
- ◀ **Science** – Next week we will begin our next chapter, "Weathering and Soil Formation."
- ◀ **Spelling** – Next week's unit is #24, our review unit. It will be due on Wednesday morning.
- ◀ **Vocabulary for Achievement** – Unit #23 will be due this coming Thursday morning.
- ◀ **Spanish and Catechism (6)** – no assignments for Tuesday.
- ◀ Today we played **bells**. We're working on a few songs that we could play for the residents of Largo Landing when Pastor and Vicar go and do Bible Study there.
- ◀ **Art:** We continued our painting project for Valentine's Day and started on a Lenten project. Please continue to save the *Reader's Digest* magazine for our classroom.
- ◀ **Book Reports** are due on February 15th – realistic fiction.

Game Day
Thursday, February 21, 2008
Grades 3-8

Please return this form to your child's teacher by Tuesday, February 19th, 2008.

Family Name: _____

Approximately 80 students (including our 3rd -8th graders) will be participating in this day.

_____ *Our family has the following board games to lend to the school for the day. We understand that the teachers will contact us as to when to bring which games into the school.*

_____ *Our family will help to provide snacks for the morning and afternoon breaks. We plan to bring:*

- _____ *Granola bars*
- _____ *Trail mix*
- _____ *Yogurts*
- _____ *Pretzels*
- _____ *Popcorn*
- _____ *Fruit bars or Fruit snacks*
- _____ *Fresh fruit*
- _____ *Cheese/Crackers (pre-packaged would be best)*
- _____ *Raw vegetables + dip*
- _____ *Other healthy snack*
- _____ *Fruit drinks (no sodas, please)*

**The visiting schools are bringing cases of water for the students. Additional water bottles may be helpful. Visiting students have the option to bring their own sack lunch or order pizza. Please indicate what slices of pizza you wish to have.*

Student name: _____

- _____ *number of slices of cheese pizza(\$1.50/slice)*
- _____ *number of slices of pepperoni pizza (\$1.50/slice)*

- _____ *I can volunteer my time to help set up snacks and lunch for the day.*
- _____ *I can volunteer my time to assist with drills/practice and basketball scrimmage in the gymnasium. (am/pm)*
- _____ *I can volunteer my time to monitor the games and activities outside of the gymnasium. (am/pm)*
- _____ *I can volunteer my time to help clean up from the day's event.*