

# With God all Things are Possible!

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## Word of God Message

*Matthew 19:26 "... with God all things are possible."*

Several centuries ago the British government set up a window tax. The more windows a person had in his house, the more taxes he had to pay. So to avoid paying the tax, many people sealed up all their windows or built new houses without windows.

This was a good way not only to keep from paying taxes but also to keep sunlight out of the houses. But what people didn't realize at that time was that sunlight contains valuable vitamins which we need to keep healthy. Sunlight also helps kill many disease germs.

In their windowless houses many people grew weak from lack of sunshine while disease germs thrived. As a result a terrible epidemic broke out in England, and a great many

people died.

Each week many people stay away from Sunday school and church. Perhaps they prefer to spend their time sleeping or playing or picnicking. But by making a practice of missing

church they are sealing the windows of their heart so the light of God's Word cannot enter.

We all need the light of God's Word even more than

we need sunshine. For without that light faith dies. Only God's Word can keep our faith strong and healthy and kill the germs of sin. It does this by strengthening us with the life of Jesus, our Savior.

Keeping the windows of our heart open to God's Word may mean a little less sleep or recreation. But considering the



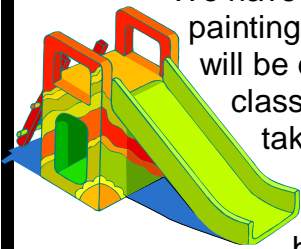
# Classroom News

## PreK 3 - Mrs. Block

**W**ow! I can't believe that we have finished our third week of school already! So far we have started to write our names. We have been talking about the letters that make up our names. At calendar time we talk about our numbers, what day of the week it is and we now know that we come to school on "T" days, and then we walk over to the window to see what the weather is like.

In our science area, we have been looking at butterflies and learning about apples too. We read books during snack time about these themes. The next thing we will be learning about is fire safety and the season of fall.

We have also started to do some painting in our classroom! Our work will be displayed outside of our classroom. Come down and take a look!



One of the last things that we do before we go home is play outside on the back structure. This is one of the class' favorite things! Not only do the students chase each other almost nonstop, but they have also turned one of the plastic structures into a restaurant. We all take turns ordering and giving money to the worker and then the worker gives us our food and our change. This

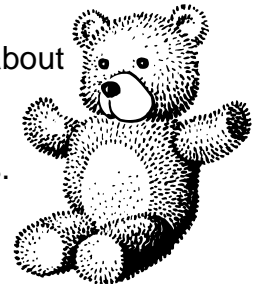
## PreK 4 - Mrs. Schoenherr

**W**hat is the most difficult task for a 4-year-old to learn? To wait his turn and to share. This is what we daily work on in preschool. What is the easiest task we have learned so far? That would be learning our routine. Preschoolers thrive on routine. They like to know what to expect each hour of each day.

Things we have worked on this month:

1. The letters A, B, C, and D. We have alphabet books we work in for each letter of the alphabet.

2. Colors - Many projects were made as we talked about colors, such as peacocks, school busses, chameleons and rainbows. We also painted using paint rollers and marbles. We brought in our favorite stuffed teddy bears after we



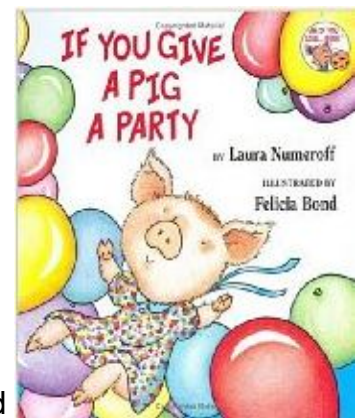
## Kindergarten - Mrs. Pape

**N**o article this issue. †

## PM K - Mrs. Schoenherr

**N**ow that we have one month of school in, we are into the daily routine and know what to expect each day. Here are some things we have been doing in class:

1. Journals - Everyday we color and write a journal. We are accumulating them into a book.
2. Keyboarding - We have begun learning how to position our hands on the keyboard and are learning when to use our left or right hand. We also learned to use the space bar.
3. Language - We worked on words that start with the letters R, B, W, and T.



4. Accelerator Reader quizzes are going great! We have been reading books by Laura Numeroff. So far our favorite story was, If you Give a Pig a Party.
5. Spanish words we have learned - *Hola, Adios, Nino, Nina, Buenos Dias*.
6. Projects - After reading, Going on a

## 1st Grade - Mrs. Marozick

Many things that children say are priceless. Our grades one through four music class invited Mr. Schubkegel to be our resident artist on the guitar, banjo, and the mandolin. He explained to the children that his grandmother had given him the mandolin before she died with the condition that he learned to play it. He assured them that his grandmother believed in Jesus and was in heaven. Chloe Dettmers promptly raised her hand and when called upon by Mr. Schubkegel, she said, "I am sure your grandmother is watching you from heaven and is very proud of you!" It was a very touching moment. Oh, that we all had such a faith as this!



I was very impressed with the first grade as they stood in line waiting to get their school pictures taken. They stood quietly, respectfully, and patiently as they each waited their turn. After they were finished, they went quietly to the end of the line to wait for their friends to be done. They have matured greatly in the last month. They have learned how to turn in papers without handing them to me, how to put their red "home" folders in their cubbies, and their reading slips in the correct basket—and all of this before 8:00 a.m.! They are quickly developing their organizational skills. They walked so quietly through the cafeteria that Mrs. Becker (who was working there) said she could not even hear them walking to the gym! They could not have asked for better praise.

During our story time, we have been enjoying many of Grimms' fairy tales. We have read *Rapunzel*, *Snow White*, *Cinderella*, *Little Red Riding Hood*, *Rumpelstiltskin*, and *The Bremen Town Musicians*. The children are enchanted with the fantasy, the creativity, the story lines, and the wonderful illustrations.

In Math we are working on addition. We are learning our doubles facts, doubles plus one,

## 2nd Grade - Miss Dashcund

School is now in full swing. We have established patterns and gotten to know one another.

### Music Class – Grades 1-4

This quarter we are studying string instruments. One of the first classes found everyone exploring the basic concept of a vibrating string by plucking a rubber band that was stretched across the open mouth of a paper cup. During another class we were able to have some of our own string students demonstrate the way to hold and play the violin, viola, cello, and bass.

Bella Dettmers and Avery Thompson, grade 2, played a song called "Cripple Creek" on cello and violin. Others are waiting in the wings to have their turn to play.

Vivaldi, otherwise known as the "red priest", is the perfect composer to study for string compositions. Just listen to his piece called "The Four Seasons". We've listened to his music and his life's story.

Mr. Schubkegel was definitely the "star" the day he brought his mandolin, banjo, and guitar and played them for the children. He's good!!!

### Reading and Writing –

We just finished an author study of James and Edward Marshall. In some of James Marshall's books he had four children telling stories. My children started to make up scary stories and told them around a campfire (fake) in my classroom. I hear they also roasted marshmallows (fake), too. This delightful activity was put together by my substitute, Mrs. Pat Becker.

We moved on to a book called Hamster Chase. My introduction was to read two hamster stories written by former second graders. My class was inspired to try their hand at being authors. Here are some excerpts from their stories.



Fluzzy the Cat by Avery: "Then he was

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gone. It was quiet very very quiet. It was nite. It was dark. It was scary. I was scared. I was lonely. I was alone in the woods."

Izzy My Cat by Bella (true story): "Hello! I am Izzy the cat. My owner is Isabella. I am the queen of the window."

Nick and the Fast Ball by Matthew: "Once me and Nick were playing football. Then Nick threw his fast ball. Uh, oh said Nick."

Lily the Curious by Bronte: "Hello! My name



## 3rd Grade - Mrs. Cleven

**W**e're definitely into a routine down in the morning third grade classroom. The students have adapted well to having their day split between two teachers and two classrooms. They (almost) always remember to take their orange folders upstairs at lunch time. Now if they would just stop calling me Mrs. Ibeling! Of course I've been known to call the third graders by the wrong names too, especially poor Mitch....I mean Zach!

September was the month of celebrations for third grade. Both Sophie and Brevin celebrated their birthdays this week. We've decided that our class pet needs to celebrate a birthday too. We'll pick a month when there aren't any other class birthdays to have a party for Flash. Speaking of Flash, four third graders wrote a report to introduce him to everyone. Here it is!

This is a story about our pet Flash. He started as a tadpole. We got him in first grade. We called him Flash because he is fast. He is a pipidae frog. He has to live in water. He may live to five years or more. He likes to croak. Now he is in third grade with us. He likes his rock pile. His



rock pile is "spectrastone". He likes flies. (yum) He is green. Flash likes us to clean his tank. He likes it when we feed him. He eats Reptomin floating food sticks. He is 2 ½ inches long.

We love Flash and he loves us too. (we

## 3rd & 4th Grade - Mrs. Ibeling

**W**hat a beautiful time of the year. Hopefully everyone has been able to enjoy the weather, sounds, smells, and colors of fall. Students will be using some beautiful, colored leaves for art projects including leaf rubbings, thank you notes, and drawings using a leaf as the focal point. Fall poems will also be written.

During the next two weeks, the Terra Nova tests will be administered. One student mentioned that she liked taking these tests because it means less homework.

"Amazing Stories" is the theme being studied in literature class. The most amazing story was about **FLEAS!!!** Hans Mathes is the only remaining flea-circus director in Europe. Yes, **fleas can be trained to play soccer, pull carriages, turn carousels, juggle, and dance!** How is Mathes able to do this? He uses the



## 5th & 6th Grade - Miss Krause

**I**n our last Crusader Times, Sam was just dismissed to lunch only to discover he was missing his lunch.

"Well, Sam. Let's look downstairs to see what we can find. Maybe there is a taco from hot lunch you can buy."

"Ah, I don't like tacos so well so I'll just wait 'til I get home."

"Sam, you have to eat something."

"I'll ask Joe if he'll share."

Moments later Sam approaches Mrs. Cleven to show what he'd gleaned from his

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classmates. "Look. I got Cheetos from Joe and Mary gave me her cookies."

"You really should eat something more nutritious, Sam. Do you want my apple?"

"Naa. I'm good."

Sam walks off to eat lunch with his friends. At 12:30 he heads outside for recess. *I wonder if I my team plays today Sam muses.* He studies the field to figure things out. Oh, *Tom's kicking. I'm up next!*

At 1 PM, Sam's class heads in from recess. "You know the routine," Miss Krause says. Sam quickly gets out his Bible for Bible reading time.

"Hey, Miss Krause, I just read the Psalm we sang in chapel," Sam announces.

"That's great, Sam. What Psalm is it?"

"Psalm 8," Sam replied.

"Okay, class, it's time for silent reading. If you need to go to the library you may go now. Sam gets out his book and starts to read.

"Hey Miss Krause, are you going to count our pages today?" Sam inquires.

"Yes. Who would like to suggest a goal? Sam?"

"I pick 450 pages." After two others volunteer an amount, the class votes with Sam's suggestion getting the most votes.

Fifteen minutes pass and the class counts the pages they read. Afterward the pages are tallied. "Okay. We read 581 pages today. That's great. We even passed our goal," Miss Krause commends.

At 1:45, it's time for language. "Take out your language folders and turn to the jingles. We're going to learn the preposition jingles today and how to find prepositions in a sentence," Miss Krause announces. Soon everyone is reciting



the preposition jingle along with the CD. A *prep, prep, preposition is a special...*

After language, Sam raises his hand to ask a question. "Miss Krause, can we play a game?"

"What do you have in mind, Sam?"

"Well, I was thinking Million Dollar Password."

"Mrs. Cleven comes in for Spanish at 2:40 so we have about 20 minutes before she arrives. Sure. Let's play.

Excitement fills the classroom. "I'm up first!" Sam yells.

"You were up first last time," Mary chides.

"No, he wasn't. It was Tom and me," Bill says.

"Okay. I'll choose who will go," Miss Krause announces. It will be the oldest 5<sup>th</sup> grader and the youngest 6<sup>th</sup> grader.

Time passes quickly. Mrs. Cleven arrives at 2:45 with the Spanish quiz. "You have 5 minutes to look over your words before the quiz. Sam, what's up?"

## 7th/8th Grades - Mr. Schubkegel

School is in full swing here at Holy Cross. Here are some news events and details about what's going on in the 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade side of the building, written by students in grades 7-8, in their original languages and spellings.

### 7-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Website

Over the summer Mr. Schubkegel made the Holy Cross 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders a page on blogspot.com. The page includes polls such as your favorite cheese, favorite movie, and favorite music. It has a calendar with the chess meets, volleyball games, and other events going on in the school year. It has pictures of God's glorious creation, and also has pictures of the 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> art projects. If you are not at school or you miss a class the assignments taken by the student of the day. It also has links to the Holy Cross website and Snapgrades website. If you want to check it out go to [www.holycrossmadison-](http://www.holycrossmadison-)

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[schubkegel.blogspot.com](http://schubkegel.blogspot.com).

## Art

For art this year we have started with self portraits, it's very interesting to see what people think of there selves. We experimented with colors, trying the style of Van Eyck's art. We went to the next artist Masaccio profile focusing on details. Our class used a projector to see your profile, cut it out on a black piece of paper and hung it in the seventh and eighth grade classroom. We put all of our art in our art notebook which we designed. Our most recent project is making a molding of our face with foil, plaster, paper towels, and are going to design the hair and details. Come check out our art!

## Chapel

Chapel at Holy Cross Lutheran is a highly enjoyable affair. The sanctuary is calm, cool & very inviting. Our 2 pastors, Pastor Mark Bartels & Pastor Bernt Twiet lead the services. We sing, pray, & give glory 2 God under their direction. Our theme this year is "With God all things are possible" & every Wednesday we learn how God works in our lives. The offerings we raise during chapel are going 1<sup>st</sup> to India, then to Seoul, South Korea. It's important to nourish our faith through God's Word & having weekly chapel is a great way 2 do it. God's blessings!

## Spanish

Hola! This year at Holy Cross we will learn many Spanish words and phrases. Right now we are learning about the wonderful items in the classroom. We have taken three quizzes on things in the classroom (En la clase). Already we have learned forty-nine vocabulary words! All of us have learned words such as el alfabeto which is alphabet and el pincel which means paintbrush. Mrs. Cleven is our teacher this year and it has been fantastic. We will continue to learn new words and numbers. Our

09-10 year will be a great year of learning. Adios!

## Math

During the seventh period of our school day, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have math\*. The two math groups, transition and algebra, are contained in this math class. Transition students have recently learned about fractions, decimals, percents, and pie graphs (delicious). The current students in transitional math are Joel O'donnell, J.T. Ruffin, Nick Maier, Mitchell Weber, Matthew Nielsen, Adam Poyner, Jared Larson, Rachel Hoel, Sydney Hoel, Kiana Krszjaniek, Jenniffer Schubkegal, Andrew Natvig, Kurt Halleen, Keena Watters, Caitlin Keller, and Eliza Coster-Hergert. The algebra students have been taught lessons that include powers, equations, and the Pythagorean theorem. The students are Jalen Thomas, Levi Schubkegal, Ty Mahnke, Briana Modjeska, Mariah Scheonherr, and Larissa Stulken. Both classes are going great and are learning their lessons well. See if you can figure these questions out!

Transition math:  $10^{-4}$  power times 3.62

Algebra:  $3(25 \text{ to the second power}) \times \text{the square root of } 25(2 \text{ to the second power} - 4) + 16$

\*which is taught by Mrs. Clevelan

## Literature

In literature classes, we are reading the Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare, who seems to be one of our favorite authors. We have read several of her books, including The Bronze Bow and To Kill a Mockingbird. While reading, we use a syllabus to help us think about the book. So far, the book is very interesting, described as "compelling" and "outstanding." It was published in New York in 1971 and instantly became a bestseller. It is also a Newbery Award Medal winner. One student says that the book is "very good" and shows how things have changed throughout the years." It also teaches us about history; it takes place

# School Board Update

School Board met on September 17. Tom Patten, Dan Dettmers, Tim Schubkegel, Brett Perkins, Jerry Treder, Randy Tiedt, Eric Christenson, AJ Jegerlehner were in attendance along with Becky Cleven as a teacher representative. Among the items discussed--

- School enrollment is 116.
- Discussed WELSSA accreditation and teacher certification.
- H1N1 update: Custodians: Lana and Abraham will attend a free seminar presented by Messner Inc. A letter supplied by the school handbooks/policy committee will be sent home with the 'News For You' on Monday September 21st.
- School Promotions – video: The video is ready and all families have given consent.

***The board meets every third Thursday at 6:30.***

***Please feel free to contact your board members or the principal with items you'd like us to discuss.***

PTO

**PTO** is our **P**arent **T**eacher **O**rganization at Holy Cross. They met on Tuesday, September 29th. Some of the items discussed in recent meetings include:

- SpiritWear will be available for sale in October, Kathy was able to find a local vendor to use this year.
- Culvers' Fundraiser helped to raise over \$1000 which will be used toward the purchase of a new library scanner system. Discussed also putting Trivia Night proceeds this coming spring toward the library system as well.
- Advertising for wreaths will begin late October, the wreaths will be available to be picked up the Sunday after Thanksgiving.
- Fall Harvest is October 23rd. Signs posted will note that food will have to be "cold" (i.e. salads, sandwiches, fruit/veggies, etc.) due to there not being enough plugs/electricity available in the barn.
- Roller skating night is Thursday, October 29th at Fast Forward from 6-8 pm. We ask that costumes not relate "evil" themes (e.g. witches, ghosts, devils...)
- PTO will be serving at coffee hour on October 18th. Information will be going out in the News for You.

PTO meets the **last** Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. **All** parents are encourage to come and attend at least one meeting each school year, you do not need to serve on a specific committee to participate.

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# Final News and Notes

1. The end of the 1st quarter is October 16th.
2. School dismisses at 11:00am on Wednesday, October 14th. ASC is available from 11:30 to 5:30pm. There is no school (and No ASC) on Thursday and Friday, October 15th and 16th. The faculty will be attending a teachers' conference in New Ulm, MN.
3. Grades 1–4 sing at Holy Cross on Sunday, October 18th.
4. Home Volleyball Games during September are on the 16th and the 30th beginning at 4 p.m. Come and cheer on our Crusader Girls!
5. The Fall Harvest will again be held at Schuster's Farm in Cambridge on Friday, October 23rd. It will again be a potluck, however, due to the lack of plugs and electricity to the barn, we will not be able to use "crock pots" so food items will have to be "cold" (i.e. salads, sandwiches, fruit, veggies, bars and cookies.) A sign-up sheet will be posted on Pastor Tweit's office window.

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