



Cardinal Communicator

Christ Lutheran School Monthly News

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Growing Is Good!

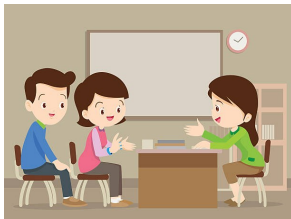
Flexible Family Devotions

Feel free to access these flexible family devotions on wels.net. Click the "Serving You" tab and choose "Family Devotions." They are available in audio and written form. Family discussion questions are provided for young children, elementary children, and children in middle school or above. A relevant hymn is also included. New devotions are posted on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Grow as a family in God's grace through these family friendly devotions.



Parent/Teacher Conferences

What a blessing the first quarter of school has been. The students and teachers are so thankful to be able to hold in-person classes. Please look for a Bloomz sign up request to schedule your parent/teacher conference for Friday, November 6th. There will be no school Friday, November 6th to accommodate conferences. We look forward to discussing your child's spiritual and academic growth.



State Teachers' Conference

Although the teachers' yearly state conference has been cancelled this year, the teachers remain dedicated to growing spiritually and academically. The Commission on Lutheran Schools has outlined a "Ministerial Growth Plan" for all synod teachers. In that plan teachers create spiritual and academic growth goals that they implement in stages over a three-year period. The days designated for the conference provide the teachers with time to focus and reflect on how they can better serve the students of Christ Lutheran School as they create their Ministerial Growth Plan.

The School is Alive with the Sound of Music

Students are busy singing in preparation for their recorded Veterans' Day tribute. Band lessons, under the direction of Gerry Plank and Lonette Gregersen, have begun for several students. Piano students are practicing as they are instructed by Lenette Spiess. The joy of music is a blessing that God provides for us to worship and praise him. We are enjoying the sound of music in our school.



The Power of Participation

Thank you to everyone for loving and supporting Christ Lutheran School. Your actions are overwhelming. A \$500.00 anonymous gift was given to assist a school family who may need help paying school fees. As of this week a little over \$200.00 has been added to that gift because of the large number of families purchasing Scrips gift cards. What a great opportunity the Scrips program provides us to purchase from stores we normally shop at and assist families financially, allowing their children to hear and learn God's Word at Christ Lutheran.

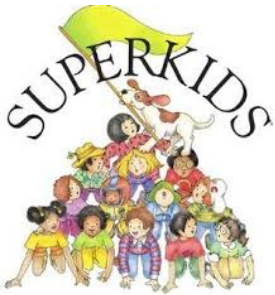
To apply for the tuition assistance funds please state your special need in writing. Enclose it in an envelope, addressing it to the Board of Christian Education, and drop it off in the school office. The Board of Christian Education will contact you in response to your request.



Grades K-1

Learning is fun

We are all happy to be together and getting back into school mode. In the mornings we have fun being a meteorologist and practicing numbers on the Smartboard during calendar time. The kindergarteners are enjoying meeting the kids in their Superkids Reading books and the first graders are loving extra reading time with iPads on the Epic app. Recess and phy. ed. are exciting times too with games such as Sharks & Minnows, Jumping Jack Freeze Tag, and Zoo Keeper. Recently we have been practicing good penmanship in our cool new handwriting workbooks. On Fridays we have Show and Tell. It is a joy for the whole class to share and learn more about each other. Once a month Mrs. Headrick meets with our class for awesome STEM learning. Last month they heard about gravity and did hands on apple balancing. This month they used marbles to discover friction. School is great and there is so much fun in learning going on!



Grades 2-4

Life in Grades 2-3-4 to start this school year

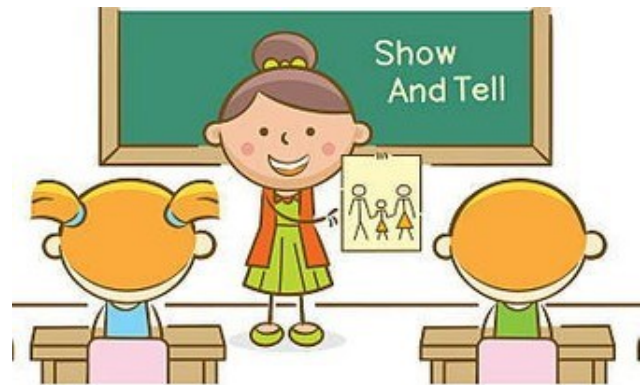
We have been spending our time getting to know one another, getting used to the school routine, getting a new/old teacher, getting new lessons and work to do, getting used to wearing masks and washing hands frequently, and getting snow on October 20! Math has been the most challenging subject for many, but I've seen great effort and progress happening! We've been exploring all about maps and are nearing the end of that unit. Following directions carefully and completely is difficult. Listening to God's Word and reciting memory treasures is important. So many things are the same, so many are different. We take comfort in knowing that God is good. God has a plan. God loves us dearly and will do whatever is best for each of us in his time and way.



Grades 5-7

Show and Tell

Who knew how beneficial Show and Tell would be for all age levels when we incorporated it into our daily schedule. Every afternoon one student is scheduled to "Show and Tell" something that is special to them. They aren't required to share something, but they know that time is devoted to them. The routine includes the student presenting and then asking if there are any questions. The questions must be focused on the presenter. Students asking questions are not to share something about themselves. This time is focused on the presenter. Students never seem to run out of ideas for their Show and Tell. The following are examples of what is shared: pets, 3D pen, presents from grandparents, favorite toys, card collections, handmade crafts, photographs of special events and memories, guitars, piano music, performing musical pieces, fish they caught, awards, and more. What a great way to get to know the students in their lives outside of school. Through this activity students grow in their confidence in who they are and their ability to speak in front of a group. The class also learns how to focus on someone else and their interests, instead of things about themselves when asking questions. We always look forward to what will be shared next and now realize how beneficial this simple tradition is.



Dates to Remember

November 5: CEA Meeting 3:15 PM

Topics to be discussed include winter activities and the Christmas Shoppe

November 6: No School
Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 11: Veterans Day
Don't forget to thank a Veteran for their service!

November 25-27: No School
Thanksgiving Break-Happy Thanksgiving!