



EGLS

Middle School News

“The Lord is My Rock”

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Classroom News

5th Grade Class: Hello, everyone! Welcome to fifth grade and the Middle School News. Please check for this copy every Friday! It will be invaluable for you for the upcoming week. All sixteen kids showed up and have stayed! Some things have been a bit rough to get used to, and we do have some listening issues, but hopefully this will improve. I have even given out a couple of You Rock cards! (Ask your fifth grader if you don't know what these are.) With each new day comes a bit more settling in. Religion: Next week we will study lessons on: “God’s Word Revealed”, God’s Messengers”, and “God’s Word as Seed.” Memory: We have memory on both Monday and Thursday next week. Please study with your child and follow the schedule. (Two copies were on your child’s desk at Open House---one for you and one for them to keep in their memory folder. **Read on to see what is happening in the other subject areas for the new fifth graders!**

6th Grade Class: Thanks for an awesome start to our new school year. Since *The LORD is Our Rock*, I really believe we will have a great year together. We welcome Anna Bangle to our class this year! To help out with some transitions each morning, it would be helpful if the ladies could be in their seats and ready to go by 8:25. Thank you in advance for making the effort to get this to happen! Hot lunch begins on Wednesday, Sept. 2. Remember to bring a cold lunch with you on the days of September that you did not order hot lunch. We will begin regular Wednesday chapels on Sept. 2. Remember to bring in an offering – give thanks to God for richly blessing you! Our offerings will support the mission work in the Dominican Republic. We are collecting school supplies for the school children there so take advantage of the sales in progress to bring in some much needed items! Parents, let me know if you would be willing to “be in charge” of our class family social. There are no plans or a date as yet so the project is wide open! Also, let me know if anyone would be willing to be our “main” room parent. This person would just make sure that all the parties are covered and few other things. Anyone who can make some evening phone calls or send some emails is qualified for this position! ☺ May God bless your worship this weekend and your devotion time together at home. ☺

7th Grade Class: Seventh grade has had a great week! I am enjoying learning more about each of the children as the days go by. Bowling today was awesome, and we learned a lot about each other through different activities. Remember that respect passages must be recited by 3:35 pm on Friday, September 4. Two verses from each section need to be recited (totaling 12). Please remember that your child needs to start completing Worship notes this week for Confirmation class. Blank worship notes can be

found in the back of the classroom or on the tract rack. Pastor handed out a schedule to the students on Tuesday. A copy should be posted to the website by next week under the Seventh Grade class page. Also, there is a confirmation meeting this Thursday, September 3 at 7:30pm. All students confirming at EGL need to have a representative at this meeting. Remember to get out this weekend and sell, sell, sell some Mr. Z's! I pray that you all have a safe and blessed weekend! Confirmation Assignments: Luther's Evening Prayer 8/31, Old Testament Books 9/1, New Testament Books 9/3 Devotion Assignments: Aaron – 9/1, Korrie – 9/3, Jené – 9/4 (the schedule can also be found on the seventh grade fast direct calendar).

8th Grade Class: Welcome back to the start of another school year. Things are already off to a great start in the eighth grade classroom. I am looking forward to some wonderful times with them. This weekend starts confirmation worship notes. Make sure you have next week's parent meeting for confirmation on your calendar. Pastors Myer and Skovgaard will be meeting with 7th and 8th grade parents on Thursday night, September 3, after the 6:30pm service. Fall Fund Raiser information went home on Tuesday. Mr. Z's pizza and gift products are again being sold. Make sure you take a look at the Entertainment book that PTL sent home this past week. If you are interested in purchasing the book, read the enclosed paperwork and sent your check back to school. If you are not interested in purchasing the book, please try to sell it to someone else, or send it back to school. You will have to pay for the book if you do not return it. Hot lunch starts next week. Make sure you check your calendar to see when your child ordered hot lunch next week. Have a great weekend. Get out and sell some fundraiser items!

Mathematics

5th Grade: We are off to a good start on **Chapter 1 Place Value, Adding and Subtracting**. This week we have been reviewing Place Value: Whole Numbers and Decimals. Next week we will continue comparing and ordering decimals and looking at place-value patterns. Plans are to have a **quiz on Wednesday, September 2nd**. Go to page 20 in your textbook for review material. If you have any questions or concerns about the 5th grade Math class, contact me at DMarose@egl.org.

6th Grade: In our first chapter this year, **Chapter 1: Decimals**, we will add, subtract, multiply, divide, compare, order, and estimate with decimals. We will have a **quiz on Monday** over the material we reviewed so far. Remember to review **Place Value!** You may go online and try out the interactive online materials, quizzes, etc. that can be accessed by going to www.phschool.com. Enter the Web Code **aak-0099**. You may choose other online materials that tie in with the math we are learning. If you have any questions or concerns about the 6th grade Math class, contact me at DMarose@egl.org.

7th Grade: We are reviewing estimation, working with decimals and measuring in metric units. There will be a quiz over sections 1-1 through 1-4 on Tuesday. We will then continue with problem solving plans and working with integers. If you have any questions or concerns about 7th grade math, contact me at kbessert@egl.org.

7th Pre-Algebra: The 7th grade has entered the scary world of pre-algebra and so far they are doing fine. This week we looked at **Chapter 1: Algebraic Expressions and Integers**, which covers variables, the order of operations, evaluating expressions, and integers. Plans are to have a **quiz** on **Tuesday**, September 1st. Next week we will work on adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing integers. These are important building blocks for the rest of the year so students should ask if they do not understand a concept. You may go online and try out the interactive online materials, quizzes, etc. that can be accessed by going to www.phschool.com. Enter the Web Code **adk-0099**. You may then choose other online materials that tie in with the Algebra we are learning. If you have any questions or concerns about the Pre-Algebra class, contact me at DMarose@egl.org.

8th Algebra: We are off to a good start on **Chapter 1: Tools of Algebra**. We have explored the use of variables, solving algebraic expressions, and rational and irrational numbers. Next week we will continue with lessons on adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing integers. Our first **quiz** will tentatively be **Tuesday**, September 1st. You may go online and try out the interactive online materials, quizzes, etc. that can be accessed by going to www.phschool.com. Enter the Web Code **aeK-0099**. You may then choose other online materials that tie in with the Algebra we are learning. If you have any questions or concerns about the Algebra class, contact me at DMarose@egl.org.

Social Studies

5th grade: This past week we spent some time reviewing our 50 states and capitals. There will be a major quiz on this topic **Monday, August 31**. This week we will begin **Chapter 1 – Peopling the Western Hemisphere**. This chapter deals with what is believed to be the earliest cultures including the Aztec and the Inca. We also learn the social studies skill: Reading and Using Time Lines. This is a very short chapter, therefore, the test is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 9.

6th grade: We started this past week by looking **Chapter 1 – The First Culture**, in which the earliest cultures said to have been located in southeastern Africa. We also learned about the progression of primitive technology: tools and weapons. This week we will look at the start of farming (agriculture) as a way of life. This is a very short chapter. Therefore, the test is tentatively scheduled for Friday, September 4.

7th grade: We began this past week by looking at the seven principles of geography, and reviewing our map skills. This week we will start our tour of Northern Africa by traveling to the countries of Turkey, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan. The projected test date for this unit is Tuesday, September 15.

8th grade: We began our **Constitution Unit** this past week. This will be a six-week project that will include nightly reading, periodic quizzes and videos, and daily assignments. Each student must pass an exam at the end of the unit. I would recommend reviewing material every night to ensure success! I have given each child a calendar of events and assignments for the months of August, September, and October. It should also be posted to www.egl.org under the eighth grade classroom page entitled U.S.

History, soon. However, these dates are subject to change. Please note, the projected test date for the Constitution Unit is Friday, October 9.

Literature

5th grade: Fifth graders are reading **Where Do You Think You're Going Christopher Columbus** by Jean Fritz. They seem to be enjoying it. It fits in their literature folder and that alone makes them happy. Next week we will be finishing through page 45 and will work on written questions as homework for each few pages.

6th grade: These lovely ladies are reading **In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson** by Bette Bao Lord. It is an ethnic historical fiction novel set in the 1940's. It is great fun and teaches some history, too! Next week we will have a **QUIZ on Chapters One and Two on Monday, August 31st**. After that we will work on reading and comprehension through the beginning of Chapter Five.

7th grade: This class is reading **My Side of the Mountain** by Jean Craighead George. It is a novel filled with great facts about nature and how to survive in the outdoors. We have already learned a lot! Next week we will read and discuss through Chapter ten with comprehension questions and vocabulary. This will culminate in a written **QUIZ on Chapters Four through Ten on Friday, September 4th**.

8th grade: Eighth graders have begun the John Steinbeck classic, **The Pearl**. Next week we will read and discuss through the beginning of Chapter Four. There will be a written **QUIZ on Chapters Two and Three on Friday, September 4th**. **Study!**

Language Arts/Spelling

5th Grade: In Spelling next week we will be on Unit Two. **There are extra words this week and they are: organs, endpoint, atlas, Bible, and sentence. The TEST will be on Friday.** In Language Arts we will cover lessons on sentence fragments, the four types of sentences (declarative, interrogative, exclamatory, and imperative), and we will also learn how to combine sentences to make compound sentences.

6th Grade: A short section on study skills/test taking skills was covered this first week. A writing/reflection assignment was given to the students on Thursday that is due on Monday. On Monday, we'll take a look at this first draft, work on proof-reading, and then complete a final draft due on Tuesday. Over the weekend, students should start thinking about topics that could be used for an autobiographical incident writing project. Think about something/an event that personally happened to you that would be interesting to write about. Come up with at least three different ideas to choose from. Talk to mom and dad to see if they can help you come up with something interesting. We'll talk more about this on Tuesday.–Mrs. Weymier *Spelling:* This week the assignment is Unit 1. Test one is on Tuesday, September 1. Test two will be held on Friday, September 4. Please note the unit bookwork must be completed by Friday, September 4. Don't forget you can complete Part E for extra credit.–Mrs. Budnik

7th Grade: Language Arts: This past week we looked at study skills and the important ways they impact school work. Your child not only brainstormed ideas that

will help them become more successful, but also more organized. They will conclude this unit with a quiz on Monday, August 1. This week we will begin our first writing project, Eye-Witness Account. We will focus on the writing process and the components that make a descriptive eye-witness account. *Spelling:* This week the assignment is Unit 2. Test one is on Tuesday, September 1. Test two will be held on Thursday, September 3. Please note the unit bookwork must be completed by Thursday, September 3. You can complete Part E for extra credit every week.

8th Grade: Next week, we will cover a mini-unit on study skills. We'll talk about ideas and strategies to improve student achievement. By Friday, we'll be ready to start our first writing project, personal narrative. In a personal narrative, the writer tells a story about something that has happened to him/her. Come up with at least three different ideas to choose from. In spelling, Unit 2 is scheduled for next week. Test 1 will be on Tuesday. Test 2 and the book pages are due on Thursday.

Science

5th Grade: Unit B-Chapter 1 Cycles in Nature – There are three main topics in this first chapter for the year - the water cycle, the CO₂-O₂ cycle, and the nitrogen cycle. The first assignment over this new chapter material will be coming next week (probably Wednesday).

6th Grade: During the first week of school, we spent time on a very important topic, the scientific method. Next week, we will be using the scientific method to find the answer to a problem. (that means we'll be doing an experiment) There will also be a quiz over the scientific method on Friday.

7th Grade: Introduction to Physical Science: This first week covers some review material that the students need to know so that common science vocabulary terms can be used throughout the rest of the year. We did some work reviewing the scientific method and next week we'll do a test to put it to use. There will be a quiz over the scientific method on Thursday.

8th Grade: Introduction to Life Science: As is always the case, the first week of school includes a lot of review. The scientific method was the main for our review. There will be a quiz over this method on Tuesday next week. We also will be planning and setting up an experiment investigation that will make use of the scientific method. Anticipate some assignments next week.

Health

5th Grade: The first class will be next Tuesday.

6th Grade: Return the signed Health Guidelines sheet and complete the JOY journal cover for next Tuesday.

7th Grade: Return the signed Health Guidelines sheet and complete the Cereal Box portrait for next Thursday.

8th Grade: Return the signed Health Guidelines sheet and complete the Past/Future quilt for next Thursday.

Computer

5th Grade Technology/Keyboarding: The 10 commandments. The students were confused when they were handed copies of the 10 commandments. We are in the process of reviewing methods of which you could break and keep the 10 commandments using technology. The students are very creative! We will be using Techknowledge Curriculum this year along with a few other supplemental materials. –Miss Poritz

6th Grade: Students will be using the TechKnowledge curriculum and work on many word processing skills. Students are to share the computer contract with parents and have it signed and returned for next Monday. Remember to complete the Ten Commandment activity for Monday as well. Computer classes will meet on Monday and Thursday.–Miss Anderson

7th/8th Grade: Unfortunately, we were unable to meet this week, but I look forward to starting next week Monday! We will be reviewing the 10 commandments and ways in which you can uphold or break them using technology. We will be following the Techknowledge Curriculum for the first semester. How many different ways could you deliver a message to me using technology? –Miss Poritz

Physical Education

Fit 4 Him! My mission is to prepare children for a healthy lifestyle that will help children to be good stewards of their bodies and use their talents to bring glory to God. Students in grades 5-8 have received their locker and combination assignments. They need to keep their uniforms in these lockers. Please be sure to label the uniforms with the student's name. If you need a new uniform please see Mrs. Deb Pankow in the school office for ordering information. We will begin our year with "training camp" where we learn all of the protocols for Physical Education. We will spend a couple of weeks on teambuilding and cooperative activities to help us play hard, play safe, play fair and have FUN!

Music

5th Graders: Welcome to Middle School. Write stanzas one and four of the Theme Hymn two times on one sheet of paper as explained in class. Include the author, composer and tune name. This is due on Wednesday, Sept. 2 but don't leave it all until Tuesday night! Spread it out over the week – one stanza per day works well. Your first Memory Check will be on Sept. 9! We will measure for handbell gloves next week. Each student will need to bring in \$2.50 to pay for two pairs of gloves. Put the money in

an envelope labeled “Handbell Gloves” and get it to Mrs. Bessert no later than Friday, Sept. 4. Thanks!

6th Graders: Welcome back! Write the first and fourth stanzas of the Theme Hymn two times for Thursday, Sept. 3. Include the author composer and tune name and circle the words of our school theme. Don’t do it all at one time – spread it out over the week! Memory Check on Sept. 10!

7th & 8th Graders: Welcome back! Write the first and fourth stanzas of the Theme Hymn two times for Tuesday, Sept. 1. Include the author composer and tune name and circle the words of our school theme. Don’t do it all at one time – spread it out over the week! Memory Check on Sept. 8! Complete the Renaissance composer worksheet.

Performance Groups

Jubilate Ringers: Good job at your first practice this week. Be sure to bring your gloves with you for Aug. 31 or your money for new gloves. Please put the money in an envelope labeled “Handbell Gloves” and get it to Mrs. Bessert as soon as possible. New gloves are \$1.25/pair. Mad Minutes will begin on Sept. 2. Welcome, Nathan van Schaik!

Band/Strings: The lesson schedule is being finalized so get those instruments tuned up and warmed up. Lessons and Group Band begin next week on Thursday, Sept. 3. Returning students should bring lesson materials from last year to your first lesson. If you have questions or concerns, please contact your instructor rsmith@egl.org (strings) or swiegert@egl.org (brass/woodwinds/percussion & Group Band.)

Art

Middle School Art Classes begin next week. Everyone had a folder ready for me so we are ready to begin!

Parents, an extra copy of the class expectations and evaluation procedures is being sent home. I will be reviewing these with you child during our first class. Art Grades are updated on weekends on Fast Direct. If you have any questions, you may contact me at mgrelk@egl.org