



EGLS

Middle School News

“The Lord is My Rock”

Friday, September 18, 2009

Classroom News

5th Grade Class: Things are REALLY beginning to come together for most of us in the fifth grade. We are totally getting used to our schedules and are getting ready for class in a timely manner which makes us able to get more done together and have less for homework---yippee!! Thanks to all of those who are making an effort to organize and follow directions. It does make a difference. In Religion next week we will review for the first unit test on Lessons 1-10... **The TEST will be on Tuesday, September 22nd.** When studying with your child look especially at what has been highlighted in their books. Those things will POSITIVELY be on the test but will not be the only things on the test. The kids know this and have already been told about this upcoming test from Thursday on. After the test on Tuesday we will begin lessons covering the life of Martin Luther. Keep following the first quarter schedule for memory work. **Have a fantastic weekend!**

6th Grade Class: Happy Birthday, Teka! May God bless with you as you begin this new year of life! Thanks to everyone for working at being ready to go by 8:25. We've had several days of great success. Keep at it, ladies! Our chapel offerings through the entire first semester go to support the mission work in the Dominican Republic. There is still time to bring in school supplies if you would like to make that type of donation. The deadline for having those supplies here at school is September 30 so that they can be sent with a team going to the D.R. in October. I sent an email on Thursday to all parents regarding class parties and head room parent. Please be sure to read that email ASAP and respond accordingly. Thanks! The **FUNDRAISER PICK UP IS WED., SEPT. 23 – DON'T FORGET!!** 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! May God bless your worship this weekend and your devotion time together at home. P.S. I'm going to be grandma again in March! ☺

7th Grade Class: We have had a good week. I am constantly learning new things about all of your children. I really enjoy being their homeroom teacher. A note: you are always invited to our weekly chapel service. It takes place on Wednesdays from 8:40-9:05. We had a great time at our service project today. It was neat to see the students work together to help others. Please remember that fundraiser delivery is this week. Stop by and pick up your yummy frozen treats on Wednesday, September 23. A note came home this week regarding our seventh grade social that will take place at the Margrett's home on Sunday, October 4. Please RSVP as soon as possible. The entire

family is welcome. It has been a wonderful event the past few years. A last piece of information, we received information regarding a visitation day at Milwaukee Lutheran High School. Every year, Mrs. Weymier and I take the seventh and eighth graders to the Lutheran High schools for a visitation day. We have been alternating every other year. This year the visitation will take place on Wednesday, October 14 from 10:00-1:30. Please add this to your calendar events. More information will begin coming home next week. God's blessings to you all this weekend. Confirmation Assignments: No new Confirmation schedule distributed at this time Devotion Assignments: Kate – 9/22, Nikolas – 9/24, Aaron – 9/25 (the schedule can also be found on the seventh grade fast direct calendar).

8th Grade Class: The third through eighth grade service project, Feed My Starving Children was today, Friday, September 18. Thanks again to Martha D'Agostino for being our driver to BLC. The students of EGL continue to do a great job bringing in school supplies for the Dominican Republic mission schools. Families, you have until the end of September to bring in school supplies. Then, all of the remaining supplies will be sent down to the Dominican Republic with the next set of visitors. Remember, our chapel offerings this first semester all go to assisting this mission as well. Please remember to bring in your offering envelope on Wednesday. I will send home the new one for the week on Tuesday. I am trying to find an evening that works for a class trip meeting. Right now Mr. Bessert's schedule and my schedule aren't coordinating very well. Stay tuned as I hope to have something scheduled by early October. Blessings on your weekend.

Mathematics

5th Grade: This coming week we will continue to work with Place Value, Adding and Subtracting whole numbers and applying it to decimals. Plans are to schedule a **quiz** for **Monday**. Review for the chapter on Tuesday and schedule our chapter **test** as early as **Thursday**. If you have any questions or concerns about the 5th grade Math class, contact me at DMarose@egl.org.

6th Grade: In this **Chapter 2: Patterns and Variables** we will continue to build on and extend our knowledge of algebraic concepts, of patterns, of whole-number operations, and of the properties of whole numbers to work with algebraic expressions, equations and formulas. We will be solving one-step equations, by undoing addition and subtraction as well as multiplication and division. Plans are to schedule a **quiz** for as early as next **Thursday**. 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 will finish up chapter 1 on Monday. After reviewing on Tuesday and Wednesday, we will have the chapter test on Thursday, Sept. 24. Then it's on to chapter 2, Equations and Inequalities. Just a reminder to be sure to add, subtract, multiply and

divide accurately! If you have any questions or concerns about 7th grade math, contact me at kbessert@egl.org.

7th Pre-Algebra: Chapter 2: Solving One-Step Equations and Inequalities

introduces the basic algebraic properties needed to solve equations and inequalities. We will continue to work on how to solve one-step equations by applying inverse operations and the Addition and Multiplication Properties of Equality. Student will continue to draw upon these skills throughout their study of pre-algebra. Plans are to schedule a **quiz** on **Monday**. 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: In **Chapter 2: Solving Equations**, we have been applying the tools of Algebra that were presented in Chapter 1, and the formal definitions of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division properties of equality to solve equations. We will continue solving multi-step equations, including equations with variables on both sides, using the properties of equality. Our next **quiz** will tentatively be **Tuesday**. 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: Chapter 2 – Native Americans This week we spent some time looking at the Native Americans of the Southwest and the Native Americans of the Woodlands. We studied the ways of life for the Hopi (a pueblo group), the Navajo, the Algonquian tribes and the 6 tribes that make up the Iroquois Confederacy. Hey Fifth graders...tell your parents the names of the six Iroquois tribes! Keep working on your Native American chart if you did not get it completed for the N.A. of the Southwest and Woodlands in class. This week we will look at the Native Americans of the Plains and of the West.

6th grade: Chapter 2 – The Fertile Crescent. We spent this week looking at the empires of Babylon and Assyria. We also spent a few days looking at Judaism. Your students learned many different parts of the religion that was a major part of the Old Testament. Ask them to show you the dance they learned this past week. This week we will work on reviewing for the test on chapter 5 which is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 23**.

7th grade: Chapter 5 – South Asia. We spent this past week starting the chapter by touring India. We then began work on the map for this part of the world. Complete the map carefully as it will serve as a study guide for the map that will appear on your test. This week we will continue our study of South Asia by touring the countries of Bhutan

and Sri Lanka. The projected test date for this extremely short chapter is **Friday, September 25.**

8th grade: Constitution Unit We have spent a lot of time reviewing the different branches. We will now start moving towards the Bill of Rights and other Amendments. Success on the major exam will only be possible if nightly review is occurring. This unit contains a lot of information that can be easily confused. Review, review, review. Keep your eyes on that monthly progression sheet, especially on the assignment part.

Literature

5th grade: Fifth graders have finished reading in Where Do You Think you're Going Christopher Columbus? by Jean Fritz. We will see a movie of the book as a review on Monday, do an art connection activity on Tuesday and have the **FINAL TEST on the book on Wednesday, September 23rd.** On Thursday, we will go over the tests and begin Richard and Florence Atwater's cute novel, Mr. Popper's Penguins.

6th grade: These lovely ladies will complete through Chapter 12 in In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Bao Lord. This is the final chapter of the novel. **There will be a QUIZ on Chapters Nine and Ten on Tuesday, September 22nd and another QUIZ on Chapters 11 and 12 on Friday, September 25th.** In between we will work on tables, facts and Chinese horoscopes. There will also be an extra credit opportunity.

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Language Arts/Spelling

5th Grade: In spelling next week we will be on Unit Five. **The extra words this week are: expedition, punctuation, angle, systems, and Scripture. The TEST will be on Friday.** In Language Arts we will cover simple predicates, combining sentences with compound subjects and with compound predicates, and correcting run-on sentences.


6th Grade: Language Arts: It's grammar time! Our chapter focuses on the parts of speech called noun, pronoun and adjective. I think we'll be ready for a quiz on nouns on Wednesday or Thursday next week. Now that the writing portfolios are turned in, be patient. It takes a while to score each one. *Spelling:* This week the assignment is Unit 4. Test one is on Tuesday, September 22. Test two will be held on Friday, September 25. Please note the unit bookwork and test corrections must be completed by Friday, September 25. Part E can be completed for extra credit.

7th Grade: *Language Arts:* This week we will begin the grammar component of our Language Arts studies. We start with a Unit on Nouns. Remember nouns can be people, places, things or even ideas. From here, nouns are divided into subcategories: concrete, abstract, and collective. There will be two quizzes this week. The first on basic nouns will be on Wednesday, September 23. The second quiz on the subcategories will be on Friday, September 25. *Spelling:* This week the assignment is Unit 5. Test one is on Tuesday, September 22. Test two will be held on Thursday, September 24. Please note the unit bookwork and test corrections must be completed by Thursday, September 24. Part E can be completed for extra credit.

8th Grade: The students are wrapping up their work on the personal narrative writing project. Final draft and all portfolio contents are due on Monday, 9-21. In spelling, Unit 5 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: We are at the end of our first chapter, cycles of nature. The chapter test will be on Monday, September 21. Just remember, even though there may not be a worksheet or book questions assigned, students should be reading over their notes each night. That way, new vocabulary and concepts get reviewed. Most of the students have been doing a great job of completing homework and responding to questions with complete sentences. Keep up the good work. We'll start a new chapter on Tuesday.

6th Grade: Unit A-Chapter 1 Cells, Reproduction and Heredity: The students took a quiz on Thursday covering cells structure. There will be another quiz on Monday and spelling will count. Make sure you study the organelles and how to spell them. We did some "cell art" on Friday and will be finishing it on Monday. There will be some reading assignments as well as a worksheet or  two.

7th Grade: Chapter 1 - Matter: The first part of the chapter had the class learning about classifying matter. The section we are on now is on measuring matter. This section is a little lengthy, but much of the material is review from 5th grade. We may be ready for a quiz on Friday (9-25) or Monday (9-28).

8th Grade: Chapter 1 Cells: Today, the class took a quiz to label the parts of the microscope and explain what the parts do. We have been working with the microscopes, getting comfortable with the focusing and techniques of microscope work. Next week, we get into the structures that make up a cell (organelles). We'll draw some pictures and even have a quiz!

Health

5th Grade: Students are to complete the All about Me and Friendship worksheet for Tuesday.

6th Grade: Lesson 1 projects are due for presentation on Tuesday.

7th/8th Grade: Lesson 1 projects are due for presentation on Thursday.

Computer

6th Grade: We are currently completing unit one and working on an essay project that allows students an opportunity to apply the skills they have learned in the unit.

–Miss Anderson

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. We finished a unit on teambuilding and cooperative activities. We talked about positive things we should hear and see as we work together. They did a terrific job of completing group tasks together. We begin a unit on flag football and below you will find the standards that students will be working on to develop and improve.

Focus Standards for Flag Football

1. Motor skills and movement patterns:
 - a. Demonstrate basic offensive and defensive skills and strategies in team physical activities.
 - b. Apply an appropriate amount of force for accurately throwing short, medium, and long distances.
 - c. Execute a variety of passes to a moving target while stationary or moving to a distance of 10 to 15 yards.
 - d. Demonstrates mature technique for kicking/punting.
2. Detect, analyze, and correct errors in personal movement patterns (NASPE Benchmark for Sixth Grade). (National Association for Sport and PE)
3. Consider the consequences of various choices when confronted with negative peer pressure (NASPE Standard 5).
4. Gives a definition of "sportsmanship" and provides examples of appropriate and inappropriate behavior within that paradigm.

Music

5th Graders: Write all the stanzas of the Aug./Sept Hymn of the Month one time, including author, composer, tune name and the definition of “gale.” This assignment is due on Sept. 23. Your memory check on this hymn will be on Sept. 30. Also review the diagram of the handbell and learn the names of the parts – just the circled ones. Practice “backing up the train!” You did a great job ringing the bells. I think you will definitely be able to play in the Instrumental Christmas Concert on Dec. 8! Question of the Week: can school supplies for the Dominican Republic still be brought in to school? If so, what is the deadline?

6th Graders: Write all the stanzas of the Aug./Sept Hymn of the Month one time, including author, composer, tune name and the definition of “gale.” This assignment is due on Sept. 24. Your memory check on this hymn will be on Oct. 1.

7th & 8th Graders: Write all the stanzas of the Aug./Sept Hymn of the Month one time, including author, composer, tune name and the definition of “gale.” This assignment is due on Sept. 22. Your memory check on this hymn will be on Sept. 29. Hang on to the Baroque worksheet as some of the information will be used on a future test. Something tells me a composer biography is in your future!

Performance Groups

Jubilate Ringers: You are making great progress...doesn't “Holy Manna” sound cool? † ! Keep up the good work. Remember to study for the Mad Minute – the scores are a big part of your grade because note reading is VERY IMPORTANT! Mad Minute on Sept. 23.

Band/Strings: The Monday Night Band program at Martin Luther HS and the Saturday Band program at Milwaukee Lutheran HS have begun rehearsals. Participation is not required but we strongly encourage it! Be sure to practice those 100 minutes! If you have questions or concerns, please contact your instructor rsmith@egl.org (strings) or swiegert@egl.org (brass/woodwinds/percussion & Group Band.) Mrs. Bessert can assist with questions about scheduling but questions regarding the music to practice and what to do while practicing need to go to your instructor.

Art

5th Grade: Your colored word VALUE is due on Tuesday, Sept. 22.

6th Grade: Sketch #3 and finished shapes are due on Monday, Sept. 21.

7th & 8th Grade: #3 and finished line projects are due on Wednesday, Sept. 23.

PAWS

Ten students have gone through a brief interview and did a wonderful job answering questions about themselves which is difficult to do for the first time. It is also a neat life skill they will use later when they apply for their “first” job. We will announce the five members on Monday, September 21 in Middle School Devotions.

Running Club

Running Club has practice on Monday at 3:45-5:00 p.m. All students in grades 2-8 are invited to participate. We also had our first cross-country meet Thursday at EGL against Immanuel Lutheran. Great effort to all! It was a beautiful day and fun to race our friends from Immanuel. Results will be printed in the next newsletter.