

EGLS MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

September 28- October 2

Classroom News

5th Grade Class: Hello again! We have had quite a few green slips this week and unfortunately several of them have come in classes that meet once a week like health, and music, which means that the students have ONE FULL WEEK to get that assignment finished. This is a bit disconcerting as we do try to write it on their assignment books every day IF they have not yet finished it. Please help by encouraging them to get their homework in on time. On the other hand I am certainly appreciating those who work to hand things in on time and study hard for tests and quizzes. Many children are doing extremely well! I hope all will get on track soon. Mid-quarter reports come out on Wednesday next week so there is still time to “tweak” those low grades by report card time. Mid-quarters must be signed and returned by the next school day so look for them on Wednesday and return them on Thursday, *please*. As always if you have any questions feel free to give me a call or stop in. In Religion class next week we will be covering lessons on: “Luther’s Struggle”, “God’s Grace Revealed”, “Luther Defends the Faith”, and “The 95 Theses.” Please continue to follow the first quarter schedule for memory work assignments and please practice with your children. Thanks to all who have answered the call for room parent help---we still need some more volunteers! **God bless your weekend! I hope you enjoy yours as much as I have been enjoying mine!**

6th Grade Class: The ladies are getting better at getting ready in the morning. Next project is to reduce the amount of “stuff” in the pencil bags and backpacks. Extra pencils, pens, paper, etc. should be stored in the locker or desk, not carried from class to class! Be sure to keep up with memory work assignments. Follow the schedule and don’t wait until the last minute to learn or say it! Mid-quarter reports will be coming out on Sept. 30 so make sure you are up-to-date on all your assignments. 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. Thank you to Mr. Widule, Mrs. McMiller and Mrs. Christiansen for driving to Brookfield Lutheran last week. I think everyone agrees that the service project for Feed My Starving Children was a great experience – we had fun but most importantly, we were the hands of Jesus! May God bless your worship this weekend and your devotion time together at home.

7th Grade Class: This week was great! I am really enjoying this school year!! *Please make a note that mid-quarters will be coming home this Wednesday. You can always find grade updates on Fast Direct. If you cannot access your fast direct account or do not know what your username/password is, please contact Mrs. Debbie Pankow in the school office.* This week information was sent home regarding the Milwaukee High School visitation day. This was printed on a bright blue piece of paper so it would hopefully catch your attention. If you have yet to receive this piece of paper, please ask your child.

If you can assist seventh grade with driving, please let me know by returning the bottom portion of the sheet no later than Friday, October 2. Pastor Myers has added a new requirement for seventh grade. You will not find it in writing any other place than in this newsletter segment. It is now required that students submit their written out devotions to Pastor at least 24 hours prior to delivering it to the class. The class has been struggling with following the guidelines for Luther's wreath prayer. *Confirmation Assignments:* A new schedule has been posted to www.egl.org under the seventh grade confirmation schedule heading. Quiz on Genesis 5 & 10 – 9/28, First Commandment/Meaning – 9/29, Second Commandment/Meaning – 10/1 Devotion Assignments: Korrie – 9/29, Jené – 10/1, Nick – 10/2 (can also be found on the fast direct calendar for seventh grade).

8th Grade Class: We had a great follow-up to last week's food packing service project. Mr. Tweeten from BLC led chapel on Wednesday for EGL. The students received much praise for their hard work last Friday. The goal of packing 100,000 meals was met and surpassed. Over 103,000 meals were assembled last weekend. Praise the Lord! Remember, another way to serve is through your chapel offerings. We continue to collect this first semester to assist the mission in the Dominican Republic. Please remember to bring in your offering envelope on Wednesday. I will send home the new one for the week on Tuesday. I hope all of your children brought home the note regarding the Milwaukee Lutheran High School visitation day on Wednesday, October 14. Any parents that would like to attend this visit day with us are more than welcome. It is a great opportunity to get into the school, see what it is like and ask some questions. Please return the bottom of the note indicating whether you would like to join us on that day. Congratulations to Jacob for being selected for the PAWS group this year. We are looking forward to some fun activities. Blessings on your weekend.

Mathematics

5th Grade: This coming week we will continue in **Chapter 2: Multiplying Whole Numbers and Decimals**. We looked at multiplication patterns on Friday. Multiplication is an operation that does not depend on which numbers are multiplied first or second. We will explore the distributive property on Tuesday, all with whole numbers so far. We will introduce a Math game to play at home to help with our math facts. Plans are to schedule our first chapter 2 **quiz** for **Friday**. If you have any questions or concerns about the 5th grade Math class, contact me at DMarose@egl.org.

6th Grade: We will continue in **Chapter 2: Patterns and Variables**. We have been struggling with the concept of solving equations by using inverse operations and keeping the equation equal on both sides. The four Properties of Equality (Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division) simply state that if you do the same thing (+ - x /) on each side of the equation, the two sides remain equal! A very powerful way of solving equations 100% correct every time. The problem is not in the concept, it seems to be in following the examples in the textbook, the notes drawn on the board and entered in their notebooks and the directions given in class. Following directions works great. **Quiz** for **Monday**. Plans are to schedule a **Test** for **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: After our math day off on Friday, we will begin chapter two on Monday. Are you ready for Equations and Inequalities? 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 have begun to explore how to solve one-step inequalities by applying inverse operations of Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. Student will continue to draw upon these skills throughout their study of pre-algebra. **Quiz on Tuesday.** Plans are to schedule a **Test for 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 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. What happens when we come across equations with variables on both sides? Using the properties of equality and applying inverse operations will save the day. This week we will apply our skills to exploring real world formulas. Our next **quiz** will tentatively be **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 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.

Computer Science

5th Grade Computer/Keyboarding: We have all nearly completed the keyboarding unit: in TechKnowledge. The students are getting quite familiar with the keyboards, now if I could just get them to stop looking at them! We began an internet scavenger hunt and most of the students know their way around search pages pretty well. We will continue improving our searching skills in the coming classes. We will begin Unit 3 in TechKnowledge next week. We need to remember to keep focused on our own work, instead of the work of those around us.

6th Grade: Students must complete the essay project by the beginning of class on Monday. We will share and evaluate the essays on Monday.

7th/8th Grade: Most of the class has completed Unit 3 in Tech Knowledge. If they have not yet completed the unit, they were given the website that they are able to access it at home. Unit 3 was to be completed by today. We completed an internet scavenger hunt

this week. It is amazing what you can find on the internet. Ask them how much it costs for them to take a trip to their destination of choice, you would be amazed! We will be diving into a graphing project as well as Unit 4 in our Tech Knowledge Curriculum. If your child is talking about a "dingbat," don't be offended, it's a computer term we learned about in class this week.

Social Studies

5th grade: Chapter 2 – Native Americans We continue our study of Native Americans this week by finishing our Native American study chart. We will also use the newspapers that have been brought in to build our own teepee. This week we will also work on a chapter review and watch a video in preparation for the upcoming chapter test. The date for the chapter 2 test is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 6.**

6th grade: Chapter 3 – The Nile River Valley We began this chapter this past week by looking at the geography of the Nile River Valley. This week we will learn about the different kingdoms located in Egypt and then we will work on an Egyptian project. We are going to construct mummified versions of ourselves!

7th grade: Chapter 6 – China and Its Neighbors This week will continue our tour of Asia by looking at the countries of China, Mongolia, and Taiwan. The students will have a map activity this week. Please complete this carefully as it will serve as a study guide for the chapter test. There will be two quizzes this week: 6-1 – 10/1 and 6-2 – 10/2.

8th grade: Constitution Unit We spent a lot of time looking at the amendments this week. We really focused on the first ten. Ask your child what the other name is for the first ten amendments of the U.S. Constitution. This week we will complete our study of the Constitution. A very LARGE review will be distributed on Thursday, October 1. It will be due on Monday, October 5. Fill it out carefully! This is important in preparing for the major Constitution exam. 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 assignments and their due dates. Remember the Constitution Exam is scheduled for Friday, October 9.

Literature

5th grade: Fifth graders have begun **Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard and Florence Atwater.** In the coming week we will be reading through the first nine chapters and doing a writing activity to go with the first four chapters. **BEWARE of POP QUIZZES! They are unannounced!** (They check how well kids are listening in class.)

6th grade: These lovely ladies have completed **In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson** by Bette Bao Lord. They have done a nice job with this book. On Monday we will review for the **FINAL TEST on Tuesday, September 29th.** On Wednesday we will be given a final writing project and we will share those on Thursday. On Friday we will begin our new novel selection.

7th grade: This class is continuing in **My Side of the Mountain** by Jean Craighead George. This coming week we will finish reading and discussing through Chapter 21. We will continue with vocabulary study and comprehension skills. We sure are learning a lot about wilderness survival! The class is doing well with their comprehension of the novel.

8th grade: Eighth graders are working on essays about **The Pearl**. Monday will also be in class work time so don't have them do it all this weekend! **Essays will then be due on Tuesday, September 29th**. We will share them orally on Wednesday. In addition we will work on an activity on necessities, design a book cover for the novel, and review for the test. **The FINAL TEST will be on Friday, October 2nd**. **Good Luck!**

Language Arts/Spelling

5th Grade: In spelling next week we will be on Unit Six. **Since this is a REVIEW UNIT there will be NO EXTRA WORDS this week.** However the test should be pretty easy since all the words are review from the five previous units. I have promised ice cream to the whole class whenever everyone gets 100% on any spelling test. I hope this is it! In Language Arts (English), we will have a mixed review on Monday followed by a lesson on common errors with sentence fragments and a mechanics and usage and study skills lesson to finish the week.

6th Grade: Language Arts: The quiz on nouns was taken on Friday, 9-25. Pronouns will be the next part of speech for the sixth grade class. On Monday, 9-28, they will take a quiz over the personal pronouns. Which ones are first person plural? How about third person singular? Make sure you study your chart. There will be additional quizzes coming up. Here is the schedule † will attempt to follow: personal on 9-28, reflexive/intensive on 9-30, demonstrative/indefinite(10) on 10-2, review of these first five on 10-5, interrogative/relative on 10-6, review of all seven types on 10-8. Start looking ahead on the chart so that you know them. **Spelling:** This week the assignment is Unit 5. Test one is on Tuesday, September 29. Test two will be held on Friday, October 4. Please note the unit bookwork and test corrections must be completed by Friday, October 4. Part E can be completed for extra credit.

7th Grade: Language Arts: We completed our review of nouns. Remember nouns can be people, places, things or even ideas. From here, nouns are divided into subcategories: Proper or common; concrete or abstract; and collective. This week we will review pronouns. We begin by reviewing pronouns and their antecedents. We then move on to personal pronouns and reflexive and intensive pronouns. There are two quizzes scheduled for this week: personal pronouns – 9/30 and reflexive and intensive pronouns – 10/2. The question of the week is: When is the eighth grade scheduled to have their Constitution Exam? **Spelling:** This week the assignment is Unit 6. Test one is on Tuesday, September 29. Test two will be held on Thursday, October 1. Please note the unit bookwork and test corrections must be completed by Thursday, October 1. Part E can be completed for extra credit.

8th Grade: Writing projects were returned to the class this week. We are now into the first section of grammar (nouns, pronouns, adjectives). Make sure you are taking your time and carefully reading and following directions on worksheets. In spelling, Unit 7 is scheduled for next week. Test one will be on Tuesday. Test two and the book pages are due on Thursday.

Science

5th Grade: Chapter 5- Energy and Ecosystems: The new chapter is underway with plenty of new and review vocabulary. 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. An assignment was given on Friday that is due on Monday. We'll be talking about food chains next week.

6th Grade: Unit A-Chapter 1 Cells, Reproduction and Heredity: The chapter continues with a section on cell reproduction (mitosis and meiosis). Students should make sure they read through their notes nightly to review the new material and vocabulary.

7th Grade: Chapter 1 - Matter: The section we are on now is on measuring matter. Students should remember to bring a calculator to class each day. A quiz is scheduled for Monday (9-28). It follows the same format as an assignment that was due on Friday. Make sure you understand how to answer those kinds of questions and how to use the significant digit rounding rules. Mass, weight, volume and density are coming next week. Remember those terms from 5th grade?

8th Grade: Chapter 1 Cells: At the end of this week, we got into the structures that make up a cell (organelles). We drew some pictures and are scheduled to have a quiz on Monday. Make sure you go over your notes nightly to review the new organelle vocabulary. I am scheduling the chapter test for Thursday, October 1.

Health

5th Grade: Draw a friendship web and write down the main ideas we talked about in class inside the web.

6th Grade: Lesson one test will be on Tuesday.

7th/8thGrade: Lesson one test will be on Tuesday.

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 continue our 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, and tune name. This assignment is due on Sept. 30. 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!”

6th Graders: Write all the stanzas of the Aug./Sept Hymn of the Month one time, including author, composer, tune name. This assignment is due on Oct.1. Your memory check on this hymn will be on Oct. 1. Also, complete the John Philip Sousa biography by Oct. 1.

7th & 8th Graders: Write all the stanzas of the Aug./Sept Hymn of the Month one time, including author, composer, and tune name. This assignment is due on Sept. 29. Your memory check on this hymn will be on Sept. 29. You will 🎯 also have a vocabulary quiz 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: 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. Remember that you ring in worship at EGL on Sunday, Oct. 18 at the 10:45 service. Get your choir attire ready!

Band/Strings: It’s Christmas in September! The music sounds great already. 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: No assignment.

6th Grade: Sketch #4 is due on Monday, Sept. 28.

7th & 8th Grade: Sketch #4 is due on Wednesday, Sept. 30.

You will find completed projects from 6th, 7th & 8th grade displayed in the hallways. As you will see, we have been working with one of the elements of art -- Line.

PAWS

Congratulations to our 2009-10 PAWS members! Jacob Arnold (8th), Mary Beth Drabisczack (5th), Elise Halvorson (6th), Alex Setzer (5th) and AllieWhittaker (6th). Meetings will be held on Fridays during the lunch period.

Running Club

Our next practice will be on Monday, October 5. The next meet is the Oconomowoc Warrior Meet at Lake Country Lutheran in Hartland. A flier went home to those interested students. Permission forms will be due on Monday October 5.