

Dear Parents:

Well it is official! The first week of school is done. Praise be to God! This is the official start of the "WEEKLY NEWS ENVELOPE." Most notes and corrected work will be coming home usually on Fridays. If you feel that you missed something from the checklist, let me know. **Please sign the bottom portion of this newsletter and send back JUST THE BOTTOM PORTION by the next school day, in this case, it is Monday, September 10th.** You will be receiving newsletters from me each week, unless I let you know otherwise. I will also be sending home book order forms, about once per month. Consider ordering for your child. When enough students order, our classroom can receive free books and other items. I have sent home a book order form this week. It was great meeting with all of you at home visits. I am looking forward to a GREAT school year!

Welcome to Mr. Kloetzke, our new school principal. This year looks to be an exciting year of learning.

The assignment book (a. book) system is new to many of you. To help make it work for your child, remember to check over it each evening with your child to make sure he or she is done with his or her homework. Ask your child about his or her day and what he or she did. Ask what the specific assignments were about. It is important for **you** to sign (or initial) the assignment book, too. In your child's assignment book, you can write him or her a note to remember items, study for a test, or just to let him or her know you care. I encourage you to write positive messages to him or her to help make your child feel good about him or herself! You can add some stickers for a fun touch, too!

Some students do not have Bible tabs put in their (NIV) Bible yet. Please try to do this with your child's Bible as soon as possible. The tabs can be purchased at Northwestern Book store in Woodbury or the Church Bookstore (Payne and Magnolia in St. Paul). The tabs make it easier for your child to look up Bible verses, learn the books of the Bible and just navigate his or her way around in the Bible.

3rd and 4th graders will be walking up to the Sun Ray Library again this year. We only go when the weather permits. If you have a free afternoon off and would like to walk up to the library with us, it would be great! We leave at about 1:40 p.m. and arrive back at 3:15 pm. If your child does not yet have a library card, you may stop at the library and get one with him or her. He or she may also be able to get one or a form to get one when we visit the library. Students may not check out videos, due to the price of the late fee. Any books that do not have a "J" for juvenile on it, will be assessed a late charge, if returned late. Students will need jackets on, if it is cold outside, as well as appropriate footwear. I expect students to be on their best behavior, as we know that this monthly field trip is a privilege. We also represent Jesus Christ on each of our field trips. Our first trips to the Sun Ray Library are on September 24th and October 15th. **NEW THIS YEAR:** students must have their library cards due to their new self-check check-out system. If children to not have cards, they cannot check-out. I will hold on to students' library cards, **if asked**. For students who habitually forget their cards at home, they may be asked to stay back at school. Students, on most library trips, will be asked to do a book report for one of the books they checked out.

Please also note that school pictures are on September 26th. This is a casual day or a school uniform day. Please send back picture envelopes and monies as soon as possible. Also, if your child needs a milk ticket, milk tickets are \$7.00 for 20 milks. Please also note that church attendance will be taken each week. This will be reported on your child's report card. I encourage you and your family to attend church together. If you need help looking for a church home, please contact me and I will put you in contact with one of our congregational pastors.

Your child must have all 3 or 4 of his or her textbooks covered by the end of September. Remind your child to bring home a few books at a time, so that they all get protected and covered!

Students will need their P.E. uniforms next Tuesday. Students may bring a combination lock to school (no key locks). I must have the combination written down. Students will keep their uniform at Our Saviour's, unless they are bringing it home to wash it.

Let's take some time on Tuesday, September 11th to remember the tragedies of September 11, 2001. Please hold our countries leaders, our soldiers, and others in your prayers. We will be observing this day with prayers and pledge.

Happy birthday to Mr. George Nelson (last year's principal) on the 8th and to Paul Scoles on the 9th. Also celebrating birthdays in September are Mrs. Strom (September 22nd) and Mr. Kloetzke (September 30th). May God bless each of your special days! Thanks to Paul and his family for the delicious pizza lunch for his birthday.

I look forward to this class of 11 students this year. I look forward to seeing your child grow in God's love this coming school year. ESPL is a "Great Place to Grow! "You are a chosen people" (1 Peter 2:9).

In this envelope:

1. My newsletter, due Monday, September 10th, as well as the school newsletter.
2. Memory sheets for First Quarter
3. Classroom schedule (if changes are made a new one will be sent home on a different colored paper, stating revised schedule).
4. 3rd and 4th grade information sheet (Growing Up Letter) (Double sided)
5. Book orders

➤ **Please save the newsletter for important information, do not send it back. Only send the bottom half back. Thanks!**

In Christ,
Julie M. Strom ☺

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I have read and looked over my child's envelope, as well as signed his or her assignment book. I also confirm my child is done with his or her homework and his or her books will be covered by the end of September.

Yes, my child has brought a lock to school. The combination for the lock is _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Questions, comments and concerns: _____
