

October 5, 2007

Dear Parents:

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths but only what is helpful for building others up" (Ephesians 4:29). What an awesome verse! In third and fourth grade we've talked about only using our kindest words to others in our class and at school. Here at ESPL, we are not just students and teachers, but we are a family. When Jesus is in our hearts, He will help us from thinking bad thoughts and saying bad words. When we sin and forget and let bad things come from our mouths, Jesus will forgive us. Please help your child to remember to use their words to build others up and to not tear them down.

Please make sure students are dressed for the cooler weather. If you would like to join us, October 15th we will walk back to the Sun Ray Library, weather permitting. We will leave at 1:40. Chaperones are appreciated!

Memory class is on Wednesdays. Please help your child memorize his or her work and help him or her understand the meaning of the verse. Many students are unprepared in the morning for this class. Thanks for your help!

Remember the school marathon is Saturday! I will now try to be there about 9:30 AM (a little earlier than I had planned). This is a HUGE fundraiser for our school and with you and your pledges, we can make our goal of \$10,000. Monies can be collected and sent into school after the marathon. This is a great day of family time to get together and walk around Lake Phalen. I hope to see my ENTIRE class there. Thank you for helping make ESPL a great school!

Students will come home on Monday with study sheets for a Social Studies and Science test next week in class. The Science test will be on Tuesday and the Social Studies test on Wednesday. I encourage students to use the study ("cheat") sheet as the main guide to help them study for their test, as well as any workbook pages and reviewing their textbook. Students should study between 5 – 15 minutes for their test. My recommendation would be to study Science on Monday and Social Studies on Tuesday (keep materials at home). Contact me with any questions.

Thanks to Mr. Nelson for leading us in our chapel service this past week and to Pastor Benson for playing his guitar. Any time you are able to join you child for chapel, please feel free. Chapel service begins at 9:30 AM every Wednesday. Also, please continue to have your child bring offering each week. Our offering is going to support missionaries in Kenya, Africa.

Happy Birthday to Chiming Thao on October 16th. May God bless your special day!

On October 31st (Reformation Day and Early Release Day 1:40), we will have a special Faith Family get together. One main part of our get together is to do a servant project. The servant project that has been chosen is to collect items for our local food shelf. Between now and October 31st, please send food shelf donations with your child to school. Each Faith Family will weigh and graph how many items they have collected. Last year, the 5th and 6th grade class collected 500 pounds of food. This involves the whole school... I am hoping we can collect more than 500 pounds this year. Your help is appreciated in this servant project. "Do not forget to do good and to share with others" (Hebrews 13:16).

When packing your child's lunch, please remember to include the proper utensils. It also helps to write down heating instructions for your child's meal, when needed. Thank you to Mrs. Gomez for helping serve lunches each day.

Due to cooler weather, your child **MUST** have sweatpants or wind pants (solid) on Tuesday. Student's grades will get marked down for not having the proper Phy. Ed. attire. Tennis shoes are also required. If your child wants to lock his or her locker, please supply a lock and combination.

Remember each Wednesday night is IHOP night from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. Our school receives 10% from all of our customers orders.

Why not take a night off from cooking?

Fourth grade parents, please note the Challenge Class letter inside the envelope this week. Please sign and return on Monday.

As a wrap up to our Chapter 1 Science unit on animals, the 3rd and 4th graders will be taking a walking field trip to Petland in the Sun Ray Shopping Center on Wednesday, October 17th (date is subject to change). We will leave campus at 11:00 and eat lunch at Culver's first. After Culver's, we will arrive at Petland at about 1:00 PM. Petland will teach the students about how animals change and need to be taken care of. Students will need to bring their own money for lunch (between \$5 and \$10). Chaperones are more than welcome and appreciated. If bad weather occurs, a back-up plan is currently being formed. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are willing and able to help chaperone.

Finally, check out the school's website at www.esplweb.com where you will find my newsletter each Friday as well as archived copies of previous weeks newsletters. Click on Faculty and choose Grades 3 and 4 to get to the newsletters.

In this packet you will find:

1. Weekly newsletter
2. Book order (Orders due by October 17th, thanks for ordering)
3. Fourth grade challenge letter
4. Any items I may have forgotten

Please remember to return only the bottom part of this newsletter (cut it) by Monday 10/8 and any notes you may have to return with it. Please refer to the calendar on the back of this newsletter for dates and times of upcoming events. Thank you for your help and for also demonstrating to your child wonderful organizational skills!

In His name,

Julie Strom

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I have looked over my child's take home envelope and have signed his or her assignment book.

Signed _____ Dated _____

Questions, comments or concerns:



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sept. 30 Go to Church! Mr. Kloetzke's birthday	1	2 Hot Lunch	3 Chapel 9:30 AM Memory Due Early Release Day 1:40 PM	4	5	6 MARATHON 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Lake Phalen
7 Go to Church!	8 Fire Drill with Fire Department	9 Hot Lunch Science Test	10 IHOP Night Faith Family 9:15 AM Chapel 9:30 AM Memory Due Social Studies test	11	12	13
14 Go to Church!	15 Sun Ray Library 1:40 PM Book Report Due	16 Hot Lunch Chiming's Birthday	17 IHOP Night Faith Family 9:15 AM Chapel 9:30 AM Memory Due Field Trip	18 No School	19 No School	20
21 Go to Church!	22	23 Hot Lunch PTL Meeting	24 IHOP Night Faith Family 9:15 AM Chapel 9:30 AM Memory Due	25	26	27
28 Go to Church!	29	30 Hot Lunch	31 IHOP Night Faith Family 9:15 AM Chapel 9:30 AM No Memory Casual Day Halloween / Reformation Day			