

October 26, 2007

Dear Parents:

"Your Word is a lamp to my feet" (Psalm 119:105). As Reformation Day and Halloween are approaching, keep this verse in mind. Especially on Halloween, things can be scary to young children, but let your child know that God's Word lights and guides our path. The Bible is our set of directions. In Religion class we have been talking about Martin Luther and Reformation Day. We have watched a video about Martin Luther, read a story about him and made Reformation bags. Students have learned that it is by GRACE we have been saved. Ask your child about the GRACE game (we will play it in class next Tuesday).

Our field trip to Petland and Culver's (and a stop at Conway Park) went very well. The students learned a lot about animals and were able to pet many animals too! We had a great brisk walk as well and the weather cooperated. Thank you to Dr. Fallert, Mrs. Doffing (Angela's grandma), Mrs. Tedla and Mrs. Scoles for chaperoning our field trip.

Our next trip to the Sun Ray Library is on Monday, November 5th at 1:40 PM. If you'd like to walk there with our class, parent help is always appreciated. Thanks to Mrs. Scoles for joining us on our last trip. Book reports are also due on this day.

We **will not** have Spelling next week for either grade. Instead, we will take a week to focus on a major writing project in both grades. Students will do prewriting and making final copies of their work. These papers promise to be interesting, so read them at conference time. Encourage your child to do his/her best on this writing project.

Remember, next Wednesday, October 31st is an Early Release Day at 1:40 PM. To celebrate Reformation Day, we will have a special Faith Family gathering. In our Faith Families, we will make banners to identify our Faith Family and our Faith Family name. We will also do other special activities. Lunch will be provided by the school this day as well. We will also have a special guest for chapel this day. He has just returned from Kenya and we will be presenting our chapel offerings to him. Please continue to help your child remember his/her offerings on Wednesdays. We will be designating a new mission for our offerings for second quarter. Also, remember as a service project for Reformation Day, we have been collecting food items for the Food Shelf. Each Faith Family will be weighing how much they collected. Please consider donating items to this wonderful cause. "Do not forget to do good and to share with others" (Hebrews 13:16). This is also casual day. Students may dress casually, but not wear costumes.

Thanks to those of you who attended the first PTL Meeting this past Tuesday. From our class, Mrs. Gomez, Mrs. Thao and Mrs. Doffing were in attendance. Mr. Kloetzke has a lot of fabulous ideas for PTL this year. He'd like to get families involved as well. If you have any ideas for PTL, please email them to Mr. Kloetzke at skloetzke@esplweb.com. We need all parents to get involved in the PTL. Let's build PTL up! The next meeting will be in November, so keep watching this newsletter for details.

Due to cooler weather, your child **MUST** have sweatpants or wind pants (solid) on Tuesday. Sweatpants must be either blue or gray. 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?

A Conference sheet was sent home this past week. Please take a moment to fill it out and return it as soon as possible. I look forward to meeting with each of you at conferences and discussing your child's progress.

If you have not returned your November lunch form, please do so as soon as possible.

Please set aside November 4th and 18th on your calendar. A choir note was sent home this past week from Mrs. Johnson. Students will be singing at Our Saviour's on November 4th. Students need to arrive by 8:45 AM. Students will be singing at Eastern Heights on November 18th. Students need to arrive by 9:30 AM. Your child has been working very hard in choir and is anxious to share the talents he or she has learned. If your child cannot attend, Mrs. Johnson needs a signed parent note one week prior to the performance.

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. Corrected work, if any. (Look in homework folder)
2. My newsletter
3. Pumpkin poems
4. Parent Tip newsletter (double sided)
5. Any other missed notes or items

Please remember to return only the bottom part of this newsletter (cut it) by Monday 10/29 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! Blessings on your weekend and the upcoming week. Go Rockies! Go Vikings!

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	Nov. 1	Nov. 2	Nov. 3 Choir at Our Saviour's Sunday Nov. 4 (arrive by 8:45 AM)