

November 30, 2007

Dear Parents:

I hope you and your family(ies) were able to enjoy your time together over the Thanksgiving holiday. There are so many reasons for us to be thankful. God has given each of us so much. I am thankful for each student in my class, and I am thankful for each one of you! Thank you for your prayers and support. "Rejoice evermore. In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16, 18

Thanks a ton! I appreciate all of you who donated items for VIP day. The students were able to make a great harvest snack mix with their VIP's, as well as play the game of "Thanks". It was great talking to and meeting your child's VIP. Thank you also for stopping by the book fair. Our school raised a little bit of money and we may try to have another book fair in the future.

Students are working hard on their Christmas songs for the program on December 14th. Please come and hear your child sing at Eastern Heights Church at 7:00 PM.

We will have a field trip on December 17th. All students (K – 6) will go to see the play Little House Christmas at the Old Gem Theater in New Richmond, WI. We will leave at 9:00 SHARP! We will eat lunch at Pete's Buffet (an All American lunch) for only \$5 or students may bring their own bag lunch and drink. Students in grades 3 – 6 will be going to the Sun Ray Library when we get back.

Sun Ray Library Update – I am asking that all books be returned to class for our next trip to the library by **Friday, December 14th** so Mr. Strickland and I can pack them in the bus before our field trip on Monday morning. Many students are already done with their book report. If it is possible, please make sure your child is done with his or her book report before December 17th, since we must leave promptly for our field trip.

Once again, students in grade 4 **must** memorize all of their multiplication facts, including 11's and 12's. Please work with your child to help your child memorize his or her facts. Your child should be able to answer a question with a 2 to 5 second response time and /or be able to do 100 multiplication facts in 4 minutes with 97% accuracy. How can your child achieve this goal? Practice... practice... practice! I encourage buying or making flash cards, buying musical multiplication tapes, and getting any multiplications games (Leap Frog). Your child will have a test on **December 14th** on multiplication facts for 0's through 12's. Thank you for your help!

Please see the note from Mrs. Johnson about the MOA field trip on Tuesday. Students will be wearing nice looking blue jeans and their choir shirt. Please keep the choir shirt in good condition; as it will be used for future performances. Students will eat at the Rainforest Café (about \$7). Adult lunches will cost more. Students need to bring their own money for shopping or attractions. Please contact Mrs. Johnson with any questions or concerns. Thanks to all of you who are chaperoning!

We are collecting toys for the annual Toys for Tots drive. Can your family please help? We will collect toys until December 14th (and at the Christmas concert that night also). We will deliver them to the Kare11 studio on the morning of Tuesday, December 18th. We collected hundreds of toys last year; can we do it again? Thank you for your help!

If you have any pictures of the students at ESPL this school year, please turn them in to me or to the school office as soon as possible. If you're interested in helping put the yearbook together this year, please let me know as soon as possible. I am also interested in volunteers to take pictures on any field trips or any school programs as well.

Happy Birthday to Catey!

Once again, I hope you and your family had a blessed Thanksgiving. Thanks be to God for he is Good!

In this envelope you will find:

1. Class newsletter
2. School Newsletter
3. Newsletter from Mrs. Johnson

In His unfailing love,

Julie Strom

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I have read this newsletter and have signed my child's assignment book.

Signed _____ Dated _____

Questions or concerns:



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					November 30	1
2 Go to Church! Advent Begins	3 Toys for Tots collection begins	4 MOA Field Trip Toys for Tots	5 IHOP Night Faith Family 9:15 AM Chapel 9:30 AM Memory Due Early Release Day 1:40 PM	6 Toys for Tots	7 Toys for Tots	8
9 Go to Church!	10 Toys for Tots	11 Hot Lunch Toys for Tots	12 IHOP Night Chapel 11:30 AM, choir sings during chapel Memory Due	13 Toys for Tots	14 <u>Christmas Program</u> 7:00 at Eastern Heights Toys for Tots drive ends after program	15
16 Go to Church!	17 9:00 Field Trip Sun Ray Library 1:40 PM Book Report Due	18 Hot Lunch Toys for Tots delivery	19 IHOP Night Faith Family 9:15 AM Chapel 9:30 AM	20	21 Jesus Birthday Party	22
23 Go to Church!	24 Christmas Eve <u>NO SCHOOL!</u> Christmas Break	25 Happy Birthday Jesus! Merry Christmas <u>NO SCHOOL!</u> Christmas Break	26 IHOP Night <u>NO SCHOOL!</u> Christmas Break	27 <u>NO SCHOOL!</u> Christmas Break	28 <u>NO SCHOOL!</u> Christmas Break	29 School resumes January 2, 2008