

January 11, 2008

Dear Parents:

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Thanks to Pastor Bob and Pastor Scoles who led our recent chapel services. We learned that if we close our eyes and then cover our eyes; that is what it is like to be without Jesus. We are separated. But it is so awesome that God sent His one and only son to die for us, that if we believe in Him, we will have eternal life (John 3:16). What a great gift and it is free! Our job as Christians is to "pass it on". Let's pass on this good news to someone. Grades K – 6 did a great job of that last week by making birthday boxes for the food shelf and by singing at a nursing home. We at ESPL can continue to share this good news by bringing offering each week for the rest of second and third quarter for Hearts for Jesus. Students' offerings will be used to help children get out of garbage dumps and attend a Lutheran School in Guatemala. Can your child help by bringing offering each Wednesday?

Second quarter is now coming to a close. Review your child's grades with him or her and discuss his or her strengths and weaknesses with him or her. Remember to check your child's assignment book each night to make sure he or she is done with his or her work. You may want to check over some of his or her assignments for accuracy. When you sign your child's assignment book, take a moment to write a positive note to him or her as well as writing him or her reminder notes. Report cards will be coming out on, January 23rd. If you have concerns or would like to schedule a conference, please let me know. **Please sign your child's report card and return it to school as soon as possible.**

The school yearbook is still seeking volunteers. Also, if you have any photos of any school functions, please send them to me or to the school office as soon as possible.

We will be going to the Sun Ray Library on Monday, January 28th. Would you like to walk up with us? We only go if the weather permits. Students will be checking out "biography" books and doing a special presentation book report, which will be due on Tuesday, February 19th. This assignment will be explained further in class.

Set aside January 29th on your calendar for the next PTL meeting at 7:00. There will be a guest speaker from Project12Baskets. Please make the time to get involved. PTL needs you!

Happy Birthday to Erin and Zach coming up in January. God's Blessings on your special day!

We will celebrate Day 100 on February 8th. Also, students have a Day 100 project due on or before Friday, February 8th. Students will be given a piece of tag board. On this board, they must glue 100 of the same items and make a design with it. They must use 100 of the same items. Some examples are cotton balls, cereal, marshmallows, candy, toothpicks, stickers, q-tips, pennies, straws, etc.... I am looking forward to seeing some interesting and creative Day 100 projects. Please make sure your child turns his or her project in by the due date, NO LATES PLEASE!

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a class party on Thursday, February 14th at around 2:30 PM. If you'd like to help with the party, volunteers are always appreciated! Our annual Valentine Box contest will also be held on this day. Students are encouraged to use their creativity and make some great boxes. Boxes can be made from anything (wood, cardboard, paper mache`, a shoe box, balloons, etc...). Boxes cannot be any larger than 3 feet by 3 feet. Students must put their names on the bottom of the box. All boxes must be brought home on Thursday, February 14th. Students may bring boxes in as early as Monday, February 11th. Boxes will be judged and prizes and certificates will be awarded. How can your child wow our judge? Students may bring Valentines to class to pass out on Thursday, February 14th. I will send home a list of students' names so your child is able to include everyone. There are 13 students in class. Also, students should remember to get and give the same gifts/cards to all students to avoid hurt feelings. I am looking forward to a busy and fun-filled day.

Thank you for sending in book orders for your child. The class will be receiving free books as a bonus for our classroom library. Orders should arrive in about two weeks.

Please continue to help your child memorize his or her X's facts. 3rd graders should be working on memorizing 0, 1's, 2's, 5's, 7's and 10's. 4th graders should be memorizing 0 – 12. Even if your child has them memorized, work on them for speed and accuracy. Also, why not write special notes or reminders to your child in his or her assignment book? Add some pictures or stickers, too! This helps make your child's day special and get off to a great start!

The weather is expected to turn much colder next week than it has been lately, please make sure your child has all items for outside play. We go outside almost every day! If your child needs to use cough drops during the day, please send me a note so that I know to allow them to do so. Cough drops are allowed, but not to be shared with others. **THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!**

Need information from this newsletter and don't have it handy? Just visit the school website at www.esplweb.com. Click on Faculty and choose Grades 3 and 4 to get to the newsletters.

Help support ESPL while online! Go to www.GoodSearch.com and be sure to enter East St. Paul Lutheran school as the charity you want to support. ESPL will earn about a penny each time you search the web and a percentage of purchases made online.

A few random notes and reminders:

1. The bottom of this newsletter, envelope, and signed assignment books are due on Monday, January 14th.
2. Hot lunch menus will be coming home. There will be 4 hot lunch days in February. Return the menu and money as soon as possible.
3. Day 100 of school is February 8th.
4. A new Memory sheet is in this envelope.

In Christ,

Mrs. Strom

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I have read this newsletter and have signed my child's assignment book. I have read the items in my child's envelope.

Signed _____ Dated _____

Questions or concerns:



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec. 30 Go to Church!	Dec. 31 New Years Eve <u>NO SCHOOL!</u> Christmas Break	1 Happy New Year! <u>NO SCHOOL!</u> Christmas Break	2 IHOP Night <u>SCHOOL RESUMES!</u>	3	4 Faith Family Get Together at Bethlehem.	5
6 Go to Church!	7 Sun Ray Library 1:40 PM	8 Hot Lunch	9 IHOP Night Faith Family 9:15 AM Chapel 9:30 AM Memory Due	10	11	12
13 Go to Church! Yearbook Meeting 4:00 PM	14	15 Hot Lunch	16 IHOP Night Faith Family 9:15 AM Chapel 9:30 AM Memory Due	17	18 End of Second Quarter	19
20 Go to Church! Happy Birthday Erin	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day <u>NO SCHOOL!</u>	22 <u>NO SCHOOL!</u> Teacher Professional Work Day	23 IHOP Night Faith Family 9:15 AM Chapel 9:30 AM Memory Due	24	25	26
27 Go to Church!	28 Sun Ray Library 1:40 PM Book Report Due Happy Birthday Zach	29 Hot Lunch PTL Meeting 7:00 PM with Special Guest Speaker	30 IHOP Night Faith Family 9:15 AM Chapel 9:30 AM Memory Due	31 Casual Day!	Feb. 1	Feb. 2