

January 25, 2008

Dear Parents:

In Devotions and Religion class, we talk about many Bible stories, but there is one point that we seem to return to quite often. It's a point that is so good to hear... "Jesus answered, 'I am the way'" (John 14:6). It is through our belief, love and trust in Jesus, that He is our way. He is our way to eternal life. Each Wednesday, your child can help by bringing his or her offering. Monies collected this quarter will go to get children and their families out of garbage dumps and attend a Lutheran school in Guatemala. Your child can also wear his or her special bracelet anytime as a reminder to do this.

Be proud of your child and his or her report card. I know that I am! Students did a good job this past quarter. Continue to help your child and continue to model great study habits as your child prepares to advance to the next grade level. When your child is bringing his or her assignment book home, is he or she bringing his or her work home too? Did he or she check off his or her assignments when they are done? These important steps can help your child stay organized and prepared.

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. In the envelope today is your child's biography report poster and a note that explains it. I look forward to seeing awesome reports. Students will also receive further instruction in class.

Set aside January 29th on your calendar for the next PTL meeting at 7:00. There will be a guest speaker from Project 12 Baskets. Please make the time to get involved. PTL needs you! Also, please set aside Friday, February 15th for the Spaghetti Dinner! Have something planned that night? Dinner starts early, so come enjoy dinner first. More information will be coming soon from the school office on this.

Welcome to class our new 4th grade student, Tyler. He comes from Woodbury. Happy Birthday to Zach on Monday. 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!

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a class party on Thursday, February 14th at around 2:30 PM. Thanks to Mrs. Fallert and Mrs. Schultz for volunteering to help with the Valentine party. If you too would like to help with the party, please let me know. 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 now 14 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.

Third graders should be working on memorizing all of their square numbers (1-10; 1 x 1, 7 x 7, etc.). A special study sheet was sent home last week. Fourth graders should have their X's facts memorized (0 - 12's) to make long hand division easier. Fourth graders can also continue to work on their X's facts for speed and accuracy. Students in grade 4 have begun 3-digit multiplication. Students also made Anasazi clay pots in Art as a follow up on our Social Studies lesson. The clay pots look great and will be coming home today.

The weather has been much colder this past week, please make sure your child has all items for outside play. We go outside unless the wind chill dips below zero. 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!

Students will have a spelling test next week, just not a pretest. We will wrap up our first chapter of science with some experiments. We will begin to get ready to end our Social Studies chapter on the Anasazi's and be tested in 1 - 2 weeks.

There's still time to help with the yearbook. Without volunteers, there will not be a yearbook this year. I am in desperate need of any pictures of sporting and school events. Please send them into school as soon as possible or email them to me at jstrom@esplweb.com. Please let me know if you can help with the yearbook as well. We just had our first meeting this past week, but volunteers are still needed. Please contact me to find out the next meeting time and location. Thanks to Heather Czywczynski, LaRae Miller (K parent), and Toni Gomez for volunteering to help with the yearbook, thus far.

Thank you to Mrs. Gomez for heating up lunches and getting our milks on Thursday. Students had to eat in the classrooms due to a funeral at the church. The extra help is greatly appreciated!

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. Quarterly Memory sheets are also posted there too!

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 28.
2. Day 100 of school is February 8th.

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
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 Groundhog's Day
Feb. 3 Choir Sings at Woodbury Lutheran's 8:00 AM Service	Feb. 4	Feb. 5 Hot Lunch	Feb. 6 IHOP Night Faith Family 9:15 AM Chapel 9:30 AM Memory Due	Feb. 7	Feb. 8 <u>Day 100!</u>	Feb. 9