

February 8, 2008

Dear Parents:

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! I hope all of you have had a great week! It seems like "sick season" pops up on us during this time of year. Remind your child to wash his or her hands well and often, get plenty of rest, and drink water. Your child may have a water bottle at school. If your child is absent, please call and leave a message for me. If you can pick up your child's work, please give me a call so I can have it ready. Please help your child stay caught up with his or her assignments, so they do not pile up. Thanks for your help!

Thank you to Pam Fallert and Shari Schultz for helping our class out on February 14th. The Valentine party will be at approximately 2:30 on Thursday, February 14th. As a part of our Valentine party, we are having our Annual Valentine Box Contest. 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 have sent home a list of students' names so your child is able to include everyone. There are 14 students in class. I am looking forward to a busy and fun-filled day.

It was awesome to see so many students and families at Woodbury Lutheran on Sunday for choir and worship. The students did a great job! The next choir Sunday will be February 24th at Bethlehem. More information will be coming in future newsletters.

Happy Day 100! We have been in school for 100 days today! Students have done a great job on their projects. Come in and check them out! If your child has not turned his or hers in yet; do so ASAP.

Please note: there will not be a newsletter next Friday, February 15th. There is no school Monday, February 18th and I will not be at school on Tuesday, February 19th. The substitute that day will be Mrs. Minder. I will also not be at school on Friday, February 29th. My daughter, Lindsey is having minor surgery that day. Please remind your child that when his/her teacher is gone, excellent behavior is still expected. I will also be reminding students of this as well.

Even though I will not be at school on February 19th, biographies are still due. Please make sure your child has:

1. Read the biography they chose and discussed it with you
2. Colored the poster neatly
3. Filled in all information
4. Students did not need to draw pictures of the person, but may copy them from the internet and glue them on (side work)
5. Spelling, neatness, grammar and punctuation all count.
6. If you have questions, my example is posted in the hallway.

Students will walk up to the library at 12:30 instead of 1:40. Students will come back between 2:00 and 2:30 and then have music class at 2:30.

Third graders should be memorizing all of their math squares (1 x 1, 9 x 9, 6 x 6, etc...). Fourth graders can continue to work on their multiplication facts to make double-digit multiplication easier for them. Third graders should also have their 2's and 7's memorized. Fourth graders have begun long hand division, area and double digit multiplication.

Please come to the Spaghetti Dinner next Friday night, February 15th. All money raised will be matched dollar for dollar by Thrivent Financial. The dinner is from 11:30 to 1:00 and 5:30 to 7:30. Entertainment will be provided as well, so it should be a great family evening.

Thanks to Heather Czywczynski for reading to the class and for helping put the yearbook together as well. Thanks also to Mr. & Mrs. Miller (kindergarten parents) for their help with the yearbook. Thanks also to Mr. & Mrs. Gomez for faithfully helping serve lunches every Tuesday. We appreciate your help! Happy Birthday in February to Kylee (15th) and Tyler (29th). May God bless your special day.

Please continue sending plastic utensils with your child for lunch or consider donating some to the school. We continually run out of these items during lunches. 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. 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.

The Lenten season is now upon us. Students attended the Ash Wednesday service this past week. Here is a great meaning of Lent:

Jesus
Loved
Everyone so much that He was
Nailed on the
Tree

In closing, Isaiah 58:11 says, "The Lord will guide you always." Isn't it great to know that God is in charge of our lives and is our great director? Blessings to you!

In this envelope:

1. Class newsletter
2. Corrected work
3. Any other items I may have forgotten
4. Send in Spaghetti Dinner tickets, hope to see you there!

Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Strom

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I have read this newsletter and have signed my child's assignment book. I have made sure my child is done with his or her homework.

Signed _____ Dated _____

Questions or concerns:



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Jan. 27 Go to Church! | Jan. 28 Sun Ray Library 1:40 PM Happy Birthday Zach | Jan. 29 Hot Lunch | Jan. 30 IHOP Night Faith Family 9:15 AM Chapel 9:30 AM Memory Due | Jan. 31 Casual Day! | 1 | 2 Groundhog's Day |
| 3 Choir Sings at Woodbury Lutheran's 8:00 AM Service | 4 | 5 Hot Lunch Shrove Tuesday PTL Meeting 7:00 PM with Special Guest Speaker | 6 IHOP Night <u>Ash Wednesday</u> Chapel 11:30 AM Memory Due | 7 | 8 <u>Day 100!</u> | 9 |
| 10 Go to Church! | 11 | 12 Hot Lunch | 13 IHOP Night Faith Family 9:15 AM Chapel 9:30 AM Memory Due | 14 Valentine's Day Valentine's Box Contest | 15 Spaghetti Dinner Happy Birthday Kylee | 16 |
| 17 Go to Church! | 18 <u>No School</u> President's Day | 19 Hot Lunch Sun Ray Library 12:30 PM Biography Book Report Due | 20 IHOP Night Chapel 11:30 AM Memory Due All School Picture 9:30 AM | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Choir Sings at Bethlehem 9:00 AM Service | 25 | 26 Hot Lunch | 27 IHOP Night Faith Family 9:15 AM Chapel 9:30 AM Memory Due | 29 | 29 Casual Day! Happy Birthday Tyler | Mar. 1 |