

April 11, 2008

Dear Parents:

Who do you look up to? Who does your child look up to? There are all kinds of leaders and role models who we look up to, but do they point us toward Jesus? Jesus is our number one leader, but do we put other things before Him in our life? Let's let Jesus be our leader and let nothing stand in the way. This was the main focus of Pastor Benson's message in Chapel this past Wednesday. Thanks for pointing us to the cross.

Our next trip to the Sun Ray Library is scheduled for Monday, April 14th. We leave at 1:40 PM. Make sure your child has his or her books and card. Please consider joining us on our walk up and back! Students need to be dressed appropriately, especially with this crazy April weather. Students will be assigned a general book report. The book report will be due by our next visit on May 5th.

Report cards came home this past Monday. If you'd like to set up a conference to discuss your child's report card, please contact me. All of the students did very well.

Help keep your child focused during 4th Quarter. It is easy to let homework and grades slip as the weather gets warmer and it is nicer outside. Continue to look over his or her A. Book each night and help him or her to make sure his or her work is done and at school on time. Continue to write positive notes to your child in his or her A. Book and sign it each night.

Please try to work in advance on Memory work with your child. Don't start the night before. Students have one week in between each Memory session and a few extra days really makes a difference. Please note the calendar on the back of my newsletter for upcoming events. One special event is this Saturday. It is Movie Night at Our Saviour's at 6:30 PM. It sounds like a great family evening.

Next Tuesday, April 15th, Mrs. Hulmes, an author, who wrote a book about the Underground Railroad will come in an talk about her book to grades 3 – 6 at approximately 2:30. Her book, Passages will be for sale that day as well. The cost of the book is \$5 for those students interested in purchasing it. In grade 4, we have read a story about the Underground Railroad. In Social Studies, all students have discussed the Underground Railroad and slavery. This will be a great follow-up for us as well as a time to meet and learn from an author. Parents are also welcome to attend, if you so choose.

A special note is included about a Service Project for an Earth Day Clean-Up. Chaperones are always appreciated for this activity. Since garage brooms and rakes are needed, only car riders can bring these. They are not allowed on the buses. This project is a great way to clean up our church and school yard.

Chapel offerings for 4th Quarter are going to help the Sonshine Program of ESPL. Remind your child to bring his or her offerings with each Wednesday.

Happy Birthday to Michael Gomez and Pastor Bob on April 17th. May God bless you on your special day! Ask your child about the many special experiments we did in Science and Health this past week. We had a very hands-on learning week.

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! It should be updated by this weekend.

Please note the handout on Box Tops. Please save them and send them into school. They help raise money for our school.

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.

Thank you again for keeping the school and staff in your prayers. Your prayers and support give me encouragement.

In Christ,

Julie Strom

In this envelope:

1. My newsletter
2. Box Top note
3. Earth Day note
4. Any other noteworthy items

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I have read this newsletter and have signed my child's assignment book and made sure his or her work is done. 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	7 Back to School Report Cards go home Begin 4th Quarter	8 FREE Hot Lunch	9 IHOP Night Faith Family 9:15 AM Chapel 9:30 AM Memory Due	10 Open House 5:30 – 7:30 PM	11 Did you order a yearbook?	12 Movie Night at Our Saviour's 6:30 PM
13 Go to Church!	14 Sun Ray Library 1:40 PM	15 Hot Lunch Lucy Hulmes Guest Speaker 2:30 PM	16 IHOP Night Faith Family 9:15 AM Chapel 9:30 AM Memory Due	17 Happy Birthday Michael Happy Birthday Pastor Bob	18	19
20 Go to Church!	21	22 Hot Lunch Earth Day	23 IHOP Night Faith Family 9:15 AM Chapel 9:30 AM Chapel led by His People Memory Due Earth Day Clean-up Service Project	24 <u>NO SCHOOL!</u>	25 <u>NO SCHOOL!</u>	26
27 Go to Church!	28	29 Hot Lunch	30 IHOP Night Faith Family 9:15 AM Chapel 9:30 AM Memory Due Early Release Day 1:40 PM <u>Casual Day!</u>	May 1 Happy Birthday Cara	May 2	May 3
May 4 Go to Church!	May 5 Sun Ray Library 1:40 PM Book Reports Due!	May 6 Hot Lunch Special Assembly	May 7 IHOP Night Faith Family 9:15 AM Chapel 9:30 AM Memory Due	May 8	May 9	May 10