



Trinity-St. Paul UPDATE



February 5, 2010

SPIRITUAL FOOD

“I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.” (Romans 8:18).

I'm usually pretty optimistic, but I have my share of “bad days.” Suffering is part of life for the Child of God. Satan uses obstacles in our home, at school or work, and in political and societal settings to make us suffer, quietly and patiently and sometimes not-so-quietly and impatiently. Still, we can rejoice in suffering and continue our work because through it God brings glory to Himself and the power of Christ is made known to the world. Romans 8 tell us that when our suffering ends in death, God will still bring glory to Himself through our eternal life and work in heaven. (*And I was hoping to finally get some rest!*) What a blessed contrast! While working on earth, we often do damage to God's people by our sinful nature--our thoughts, words, and deeds; yet, we can look forward with greater joy toward the day when we shall be permitted to serve the Lord without doing damage to anything or anyone in our heavenly home. That's the joy that Jack and Adam's grandma, Dorothy, receives today. That's the hope we all share in faith at TSP. --Pax Domini! Mrs. Farrell

Classical Education—As promised, here's a review of the basic philosophy and methodology of Classical education. Classical education demands intellectual discipline, honors past achievements, defends permanent values, and conveys objective and divine truths. Classical education depends on a 3-part process of training the mind. The early years of school are spent in absorbing facts, systematically laying the foundations for advanced study. Middle-grade students learn to think through arguments. High school students learn to express themselves. This classical pattern is called the *trivium*. The first years of schooling are called the “grammar stage”—not because you spend four years doing English, but because these years are spent laying the foundation on which all other learning is laid, just as grammar is the foundation for language. Elementary school years—grades 1 through 4—the mind is ready to absorb information. Children at this age find memorization fun. So during this period, education involves the learning of facts, the rules of phonics, spelling and grammar, poems, the vocabulary of foreign languages, the stories of history and literature, descriptions of plants and animals and the human body, the facts of mathematics. This information makes up the basic building blocks for the second stage of education—the “Logic Stage.”

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

We play bells and sing Sunday at Zion Carpenter. Be in the back of church by 7:45 a.m.

K-2 will host a Lenten Supper on Wednesday, February 24, from 5:30-6:45. K and 2nd grade are asked to bring \$5.00 by next Friday and 1st grade bring a dessert that evening. We will be serving spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert. We will also need some help that evening if you are available.

A permission slip for the dentist office is in the folder. Please sign and return on Monday.

We are reading “The Cat Sat” and “The Mat” in our reading book. Please try to read every night. I will try to keep you informed in the Update which story we are reading. Make sure they are using their pointer finger and pointing to each word as they are reading it.

PTL meeting is Mon., Feb. 8 at Trinity beginning at 7:15. Hope to see all of you there!

Our Valentines party is Friday, February 12, beginning at 1:00. Valentines can be sent to school anytime. A list of students is in the folder.

Handwriting homework is in the folder. Each night have them read each word as they write it and read the ring cards, pointing to each word. We add new words every other day.

Every once in a while ask your child the days of the week, months of the year, phone number, address and birthday. Also, your child should be able to count to 100 by 1's, 5's, and 10's and by 2's to 10.

Keep reading for Read to Succeed. You have 2 more weeks.

We have been talking about our teeth. There is a tooth brushing chart in the folders. If your child brushes his/her teeth for two weeks, and returns it on Monday, February 23, they will receive a special treat.

Congratulations to Allison, Brianna, Emily, Michaela, Tina and Zoey for getting a SUPER-SPELLER this week.

Our memory verse for Friday is: My word shall not return to me empty. Isaiah 55:11.

Chapel will be at **St. Paul** for the month of February.

Have a great weekend! God's Blessings - Mrs. Steinmeyer

1st and 2nd GRADE NEWS

K-2 will play bells and sing at Zion Carpenter on Sunday. Please be in the back of the church by 7:45 a.m.

PTL meeting Monday at 7:15 at Trinity.

Read to Succeed must be turned in by February 19.

Thursday morning we will visit the Stark Dental Office. Please return the red permission form by Monday.

Friday morning we are going to St. Paul Center to see a Christian illusionist at 11:00 a.m.

We are going to the Winter Kinder Konzert on Tuesday, February 16. Remember that we leave at 8:15 a.m. from the St. Paul Center.

Mrs. Esch would like to know who will participate in Young Authors. Please call 633-2603 or e-mail her at cesch@whitemountainfinancial.net.

Keep working on those President reports, Presidents 15-29 are due February 19.

We will serve Lenten Dinner on the 24th. K&2, please send \$5.00 by Friday. 1st grade please bring a dessert that evening. We also will need parents to help serve from 5:30-6:45.

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First Grade: We will study verbs in Language this week. In Math we will begin measuring objects to the nearest inch.

Second Grade: We will study adjectives in Language. In Math we will measure using the metric system. Also, begin multiplying by 1, 10 and 100. In Christ – Miss Warnier

3rd and 4th GRADE NEWS

All of the book reports came in on time. Thank you!

Book orders are in the folders. Please return order forms by Wednesday. Checks can be made to Kristi Schkade.

We look forward to our Valentine party on Friday. Students may bring their boxes anytime next week.

If we stay on schedule in our Science classes, we'll have the Chapter B4 test on Thursday. Watch the assignment notebooks for daily updated information.

Today marks the halfway point of the quarter. Mid-quarter reports will be sent out next Friday.

Please plan on attending the PTL meeting on Monday. It's at the Trinity Center at 7:15 p.m. We'd love to win the attendance prize again.

Several students are writing with pencil nubs. Please ask your child how his or her supplies are.

Our class wrote letters to author Chris Van Allsburg and have written stories about one of his books. His website offers a writing contest. If your child would like to submit the story, just Google “Chris Van Allsburg” to his site, and click “Story Writing Contest.” I'll send the stories home after we've read them aloud in class. In Christ---Mrs. Schkade

5th and 6th GRADE (3rd/4th Grade Math) NEWS

***7th/8th Science** –enjoy the adventure of forces in fluids.
***7th/8th History** – test on Tuesday.
***5th/6th Science** – will complete Chapter 1 next week. We will review and test on Thursday.
***5th/6th History** – will pull Chapter 5 together and have a short test over it on Wednesday.
3rd Math – The boys did a great job with fraction worksheets. We'll return to the book Mon. with Lesson 41.
3rd Spelling – Unit 19 next week – Word lists are in the folders. In Christ – Mr. Hemann

5-8 LANGUAGE ARTS/ENGLISH MEMO

***5th & 6th Grade English** – we will start our adverb unit. This unit is combined with a study of the four kinds of sentences. No homework this weekend!
***5th & 6th Grade Reading** – we will work on our Number the Stars project. We will also read “A Time of Beginnings” from the Autobiography unit in the text book. No homework this weekend!
***7th & 8th Grade English** – we will start our pronoun unit. This unit will be followed by a comprehensive review based on the material covered in these first three quarters. No homework this weekend!
***7th & 8th Grade Reading** – now that we have finished reading Romeo and Juliet, we will study more about Shakespeare and his world. We will also take a closer look at several of our favorite scenes and act them out in class. No homework this weekend!
Book orders are coming home today, Friday February 5th and due Wed., the 10th. If your student is participating in Young Authors, remember the due date is Mon., Feb. 22nd. More information about Young Authors is on the information sheet.
If you'd like to contact me outside of school hours, I can be reached at: home phone 633-2603 or cesch@whitemountainfinancial.net. I check my e-mail daily.

LATIN

3RD & 4TH- GRADE LATIN--We will have a quiz this coming Mon.,Feb.8 on the following words: viae, villae, ita vero, nobiscum, vado, ibi, arma, ludi, pilulae, variae, plus extra credit words from their card file. No class next Friday due to our assembly and valentine party.
5th -6th TH- GRADE LATIN--5th & 6th graders will translate and answer “in Latina” the questions in “Pensum C” in Capitulo Tertio.

7th -8th TH- GRADE LATIN--Captulum quantum will conclude with a grammar lesson on nouns in the accusative and ablative cases as well as the imperative and indicative verbs. What fun!

MATH

8th-Grade MATH--We'll finish our study of weighted averages, then move onto direct inverse and variation. It doesn't get any better than that!

7th-Grade MATH--We're wrapping up our chapter 4 with review, review and review of some rather new concepts—exponents and scientific notation. If all goes well, we'll take a chapter test on Thursday.

6th – Grade MATH--We'll take our chapter 6 test on Monday and review for our unit test on Thursday.

5th – Grade MATH--We spent extra time with division of decimals and rounding to tenths and hundredths. Our word problems were challenging as well. Therefore, we won't have our chapter test until Tuesday and will begin our review for the unit test thereafter.

BRASS CHOIR

We're on pages 16 and 17 this week, and remember to practice the full octave of the B flat concert scale. Cyrus is back as the Potentate of Practice and Sean is the Regent of Rehearsal. The more we practice, the better we sound!

SPORTS NEWS

Parents Night will be rescheduled **next Thursday, Feb.11-GBB @6:30; BBB @ 7:30**. We'll honor parents (boys and girls) during the half-time of the boys' game.
Workers –Miller, Isbell, Ouart – Please be at school no later than 5:45.
Family Fun Night – Friday, February 26 at 6:30.

NEWS & NOTES

***Touchdown Box Top Collection** – Thanks to everyone who brought in box tops. We collected 1820 box tops. That is \$182.00 for the school. Here are the standings for

each class: **Kindergarten averaged 6 touchdowns per child; 1&2 Grade averaged 9 touchdowns per child; 3&4 grade averaged 11 touchdowns per child; 5&6 grade averaged 11 touchdowns per child; 7&8 grade averaged 5 touchdowns per child.** The winners-- grades 3-6! The Tailgate Party will be arranged with your teacher.

* **Wisdom from Love and Logic:** (by Jim and Charles Fay) *Wise parents delay consequences until they have time to talk to others and put together a “watertight” plan. These plans teach resistant kids that their parents are so powerful that they can handle them without breaking a sweat—and so loving that they can discipline with sadness instead of anger.*

***PTL Meeting**—Don't miss our bi-monthly meeting Mon., Trinity @ 7:15 featuring an introductory presentation of “Love and Logic,” a program for parents & teachers to help discipline kids without losing their love & respect.

***YOU'RE INVITED**—to an all-school assembly, featuring **The Great Professor Steiner**. Our guest will dazzle us with illusions as he shares a Gospel message. Join the fun next Friday, February 12 at 11 in the gym of our St. Paul center.
***Kindergarten Visitation**—Look in your student's Friday folder for a note and invitation to share with prospective kindergarten students you might know. The invitation is to our Kindergarten Visitation Day on Wednesday, Feb. 17 from 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Please help spread the word of TSP's mission to God's people in our community!

***Magic House** – You are invited to the Magic House on Thursday, February 18, 2010 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$15.00 per family payable at the door. Jen Ashauer's multiples group has rented the old part of the Magic House for a private party night. You are all welcome to attend. Let me know if you are coming. jashauer@gmail.com 618-806-9820

***American Girl Trip** –Please let me know if you can come. I am starting the list and will collect payment in April. The cost is \$35.00/ person. The date is Saturday, July 31, 2010. The event is Chartered Bus to Chicago – American Girl. We will leave from Hamel 6 a.m. and return to Hamel around 10 p.m. Limited seating available. First come first serve. Included: showing of American Girl movies on the bus ride, non-alcoholic drinks and snacks on the bus. The bus will drop us off in front of American Girl (Water Tower Place shopping Center on Michigan Avenue) & pick us up at the same location. You are on your own while in Chicago. Please contact Jen Ashauer for more information and to reserve a spot. jashauer@gmail.com or 618-806-9820.

EVENTS

SUNDAY (2/7) – K-2 Bells @ Zion, Carpenter – Church & Sunday School

MONDAY (2/8) – BBB Practice 3:30-5:00 – PTL Meeting @ Trinity @ 7:15

TUESDAY (2/9) – GBB Practice @ Staunton 5:30-7:00

WEDNESDAY (2/10) – Chapel @ St. Paul @ 8:30 – BBB Practice 3:30-5:00

THURSDAY (2/11) – GBB @6:30; BBB @7:30

FRIDAY (2/12) – Assembly 11a.m. & Valentine Parties 1:00 Mid-Terms Sent Home Today – BBB Practice 3:30-5:00

SUNDAY (2/14) – Church and Sunday School

MONDAY (2/15) – No School – Presidents Day

TUESDAY (2/16) – 1-4 Field Trip to Powell Hall & Science Center – GBB Practice @ Staunton 5:30-7:00 – BBB Practice 5:30-7:00

WEDNESDAY (2/17) – Ash Wednesday - Chapel @ St. Paul 8:30 – Kindergarten Visitation 12:30-3:00 – Church Services

MENU

MONDAY (2/8) – Spaghetti, Salad/Croutons, Breadsticks, Peaches, Dessert, Milk

TUESDAY (2/9) – Sloppy Joe/Bun, Chips, Carrot Sticks, Applesauce, Dessert, Milk

WEDNESDAY (2/10) – Tortilla Beef Bake, Peas, Bread, Oranges, Dessert, Milk

THURSDAY (2/11) – Baked Chicken, Corn, Roll, Fruit Salad, Dessert, Milk

FRIDAY (2/12) – Chicken Nuggets, Green Beans, Pears, Ice Cream Dessert, Milk

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 7

Trinity Church

9:30 – Randy Stark; Sam Whitmore

St. Paul Church

7:45 – Connor Cunningham; Cody Hellmann

10:00 – Jenna Inman; Hannah Stroh