



Trinity-St. Paul UPDATE



November 13, 2009

SPIRITUAL FOOD

“Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. . . I have come into the world as light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.” (John 12:35, 45).

As the days grow shorter, we move into a darker, colder time of year when we tend to have less energy to deal with day-to-day struggles. Christmas music and department store ads lure us into our culture’s urgency to shop “while supplies last.” Skipping our Thanksgiving focus, we are tempted to follow those sparkling lights right into the darkness of holiday stress. Our Scripture passage tells us not to walk *toward* the light, but *in the Light*. There we find joy to live in the presence of the all-seeing God. Still, too many believers avoid the light for it exposes our inner thoughts and sinful intents of the heart. We are afraid of what God thinks about our various plans, words and deeds. Jesus came to remove and heal that which the light exposes. As we bring our sinful habits out into the full light and presence of the Lord, the more quickly and certainly we will overcome them. The fruit of the Spirit grows in the light. A courageous joyous and strong Christian life is developed in believers who live each day in the presence of the Lord. We pray that at TSP God will give us the joy of being children of the light in a world which lies in the darkness. Pax Domini—Mrs. Farrell

CLASSICAL EDUCATION: The Value of Memorization. Memorization is the key to learning and foundational to the “grammar stage.” Some classical educators consider memorization the “beginning of excellence.” They believe that learning is cumulative and that memorization builds the foundation of all knowledge. When children accumulating the basic vocabulary of information, they can grow to love subject matter and understand it more deeply when they are older. Students in the early elementary years enjoy memorizing, especially when part of every lesson. Therefore, we must take this window of opportunity to teach them to memorize the “grammar” of each subject matter when they are young.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Are you finding your favorite recipes? They need to be turned in by Monday.

If you have not sent in your \$2.00 for the Christmas ornaments, please do so by Monday.

Read the ring cards with your child every night and then send it back to school the next day.

Your child has brought home papers with words on them and will be bringing short paper books home, also. Read them with your child whenever time permits. They will be getting more periodically throughout the year. Save them so you can practice over the summer. I don’t expect them to be able to read all the words but to begin sounding out a few of them.

Handwriting is in the folder. PLEASE watch your child as they are forming the letters. Make them take their time and use the lines. Most letters start at the top and go down. Ask them the capital and lowercase letter, the sound, and something that begins with that letter. We have been writing our middle names.

Keep practicing counting, reciting the days of the week, birthday, phone number, months of the year, tying shoes, zipping coats and **especially their address.**

We are collecting kid food (see Update) for Otis. He will be visiting us on Monday, November 23 at St. Paul. As of today we don’t have any food in our classroom.

When you have read 150 pages for Raging Rivers return the paper to school. You will receive your free ticket to Raging Rivers in May.

Our memory verse for Friday is: Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me. Matthew 25:40.

Chapel will be at **TRINITY** for the month of November.
Have a great weekend!
God’ Blessings, Mrs. Steinmeyer

1st and 2nd GRADE NEWS

Keep reading for Raging Rivers. Many students have already read 150 pages.

Otis Woodard will be coming November 23. We are collecting “kid friendly” foods.

Please remember to bring in \$2.00 for making Christmas ornaments.

On Tuesday your child did an excellent job of listening about bike safety. They will have a bike safety booklet in their folders today about what they learned. Make sure to check your bikes and wear your helmets when you ride.

We have been doing mad minutes (sometimes they are 2 minutes) in class. They love to see how many addition (or subtraction) facts they can get done and write in 1 minute.

Reading homework pages are coming back great. Many times the students only need to do one side of the workbook page. When this happens I ask them to write **EXTRA PRACTICE** on the top of the page they don’t have to do. If you want them to do it that is fine with me as well.

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***First Grade** – Our Language Arts unit is all about sentences. We are off to a great start. The students are great sentence writers. They are still working on remembering to capitalize the beginning of their sentence, and put periods at the end. In Math this week we will be working with the clock and identifying even and odd numbers.

***Second Grade** – In Language Arts we will be starting a unit on verbs. They are doing great on their addition facts, as almost all of them could do 40 addition problems in 2 minutes this week! We continue working on adding 2 digit numbers, and reviewing subtraction facts.

In Christ – Miss Warnier

3rd and 4th GRADE NEWS

Mid-term reports will be sent home next Friday.

Third graders will be reading Trickster Tales in reading class, and get the opportunity to write one of their own.

Fourth graders are doing well with multiplication. Each child will be orally quizzed on addition facts for speed, accuracy, and not using their fingers. The oral quizzes will take place each week on the following schedule: Katelyn – Monday, Rachel – Tuesday, Erica – Thursday, Christian – Friday (or Wednesday). PLEASE use flashcards with your child to practice. Next week’s quiz will be adding with 0-3.

We’ve started a study of verbs in English, and will wrap up Social Studies Unit 2 with a **test on Friday.**

Just a reminder – Book Reports are due November 30.

Thank you for your donations for our “Pamper Yourself” basket. I hope to see you at Patriots Night Out Friday, the 20th. Ticket sales end on Sunday – get yours after each church service from Chrissy at Trinity or the scrip sellers at St. Paul.

If your child would like to invite a friend for our special “Bring-a-Friend-to-School” day, the registration form is due Friday, the 20th.

Don’t forget about food for Otis. He’s coming on Monday, November 23. Let’s fill up his car!

In Christ--Mrs. Schkade

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

One more week before Otis is coming. Remember he is asking for pre-cooked foods that are easy to open and kid friendly.

*7th/8th **Science** – will start Chapter 5.

*7th/8th **History** – will complete the Constitution next week.

*5th/6th **Science** – I have moved the test to next week Tuesday or Wednesday.

*5th/6th **History** – will complete their shoes and create a map of Egypt.

3rd **Math** – has been working on adding large numbers and is doing very good. We are also doing mad minutes for addition, in hopes of stopping the finger counting.

3rd **Spelling** – we will have a review unit (Unit 12) next week.

In Christ – Mr. Hemann

5-8 LANGUAGE ARTS/ENGLISH MEMO

*5th & 6th **Grade English** – we continue working in our verb unit. Next week we will concentrate on having our linking verbs memorized. We will also study predicate nominatives and predicate adjectives. No homework this weekend!

*5th & 6th **Grade Reading** – we will finish our poetry folders and make our pop-up books for our second book report. No homework this weekend!

*7th & 8th **Grade English** – we will take our comprehensive test and start our next unit on Nouns. No home work this weekend!

*7th & 8th **Grade Reading** – we will make our pop-up books of our Edgar Allen Poe stories. We will also continue to explore poetry by reading, memorizing and writing poems. Our poetry recital will be the Monday after Thanksgiving. No homework this weekend!

LATIN

3rd & 4th **Grade Latin** – No Latin quiz next week. We'll work with conjugating the verbs we had so far and read about the "ancilla Graeca," Pandora.

5th - 8th **Grade Latin** – 5th & 6th graders did quite well on their Latin quiz this week. We'll finish "Capitulum primo" with a lesson on letters and numbers. Our grammar section will drill the difference between singular and plural forms of nouns. 7th & 8th graders continue to grow in their Latin fluency. We're moving right along to Capitulum IV, another dramatic presentation of "familia Iulii."

MATH

8th **Grade Math** – Solving multi-step equations proved a little more difficult than previously thought. We'll slow down enough to make that process solid before solving equations with variables on both sides.

7th **Grade Math** – Now that we can solve equations with a variable using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, we'll move onto using more than one of those operations in a multi-step equation.

6th **Grade Math** – We'll finish up the chapter with a lesson on dividing decimals by decimals, then begin reviewing for a chapter test. If all goes well, that test will be next Friday.

5th **Grade Math** – We continue to push students to look at math concepts from a "5th-grade" point of view. Next week we'll work with solving word problems and explore exponents for the first time ever—should be fun!

BRASS CHOIR

Angels We Have Heard On High! Practice it! Learn it! Love it! If we can get it down, we'll play at Lessons and Carols. Use the rest of your practice time to keep working on the page 9 exercises. Everyone should be able to play the B flat concert scale up to concert G (A for trumpets). The cumulative Potentate of Practice for the last three weeks is Cyrus, and the Regent of Rehearsal is Adam. Our goal practice time is still a minimum of 20 minutes per day, 5 days a week for a total of 100 MINUTES PER WEEK. Please remember that practice records should be signed by a parent every week.

NEWS & NOTES

***Did You Know** – November 15 is America Recycles Day? ...you save 5 cents at Target every time you use a reusable bag? ...up to 5% of purchases on a Target Visa card are donated to our school by Target?...our school collects soda cans, soda tabs, used cell phones and printer cartridges, keys, and eyeglasses for recycling?...Madison County curbside bins can be used for all types of plastic except styrofoam?...we protect God's creation when we recycle?

***The Patriots Night Out** – dinner auction is next Friday. The Patriots Night Out is Trinity St. Paul's largest annual fund raiser. The 2008 auction proceeds allowed us to redo the St. Paul Center bathrooms and locker rooms in addition to putting new carpet in the Trinity Center classrooms. This year we plan to continue with the gymnasium renovations and more updates at the Trinity Center. Donations should be brought to the school (either center) by Monday. If you want your name in our program, please be sure to put your name on the donated item(s). Tickets are now on sale thru the school office or at the scrip table after church. The cost is \$10.00 each. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., dinner is at 7:00 p.m. The meal is catered by Fema's. Join us for a night of fellowship.

***Chapel Offerings** – for the months of Oct. and Nov. will go to Lutheran Outreach. Otis Woodard will visit Mon., Nov. 23 at 2:00 and asks we collect non-perishable, ready-to-eat "kid-friendly" foods" again this year. These might include crackers, pop-top canned fruit, spaghetti, vegetables, and soups; snack bars, jello/pudding cups, cereal, peanut butter, and squirt cheese. Paper products are also appreciated.

***Box Tops** – Thanks to Mrs. Lisa Meizen for facilitating this program which provides some valuable resources for our school. Please continue to collect box tops for TSP. If you want to get them out of your house, you may bring them into your child's classroom at any time. Or, you can save them for January when we'll run a collection contest between classes, rewarding the top class with a tailgate party.

EVENTS

SUNDAY (11/15) – Church and Sunday School

MONDAY (11/16) – GBB Practice @ Staunton 3:30-5:00 – BBB Practice 3:30-5:00

TUESDAY (11/17) – GBB Practice @ TSP 3:30-5:00 – BBB Practice 5:00-6:30

WEDNESDAY (11/18) – Chapel @ Trinity @ 8:30 – BBB Practice 3:30-5:00

FRIDAY (11/20) – Mid Terms Sent Home Today – Patriots Night Out; Doors Open @ 6:00, Dinner @ 7:00

MENU

MONDAY (11/16) – Pizza, Salad/Croutons, Pineapple, Dessert, Milk

TUESDAY (11/17) – Hamburger/Bun, French Fries, Carrot Sticks, Pears, Dessert, Milk

WEDNESDAY (11/18) – Enchiladas, Corn, Bread, Peaches, Dessert, Milk

THURSDAY (11/19) – Chicken Noodle Soup or Chili, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Carrots Sticks, Crackers, Applesauce, Dessert, Milk

FRIDAY (11/20) – Fish Sticks, Macaroni & Cheese, Peas, Mandarin Oranges, Dessert, Milk

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 15

Trinity Church

9:30 – *Jacob St. Peters; Sam Whitmore*

St. Paul Church

7:45 – *Sydney Anderson; Austin Werner*

10:00 – *Jonathan Klinger; Chase Langendorf*