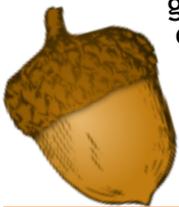


PRESCHOOL

By Ms. Anamarie VanCura

Preschool has been busy these first few months of school! We have been on field trips to the Apple Orchard, Pumpkin Patch, and the Sioux City Museum. We are currently curious about trees and pumpkins. The children have noticed the leaves falling and are asking many questions such as "Why do the leaves fall off the trees?", "Why are the leaves turning orange?", and "Do pumpkins grow from trees?" I have taken their questions and have created investigations based on what they want to learn. We are looking for donations of nature items such as tree branches, pine cones, leaves, acorns, tree cookies, and seeds for us to manipulate and explore.

One of our favorite weekly activities is receiving mail from another Lutheran Preschool. Each week, we receive a letter from a Lutheran Preschool about their program, and they give us an Alphabet Letter Craft to create. We hang their communications in our room. You are always welcome to walk through our room and read them.



KINDERGARTEN

By Ms. Deb Chellew

It was a hot and muggy start to the year, which always makes it more difficult for the kindergarteners to settle in. But we have far exceeded merely settling in; we are striving and thriving with all the work that the curriculum gives us to do. Math was difficult in the beginning, but now we have found the joy of numbers, of counting, and of counting on. We are currently working on the concepts of "more" and "fewer."

In reading we have begun our Readers and have enjoyed spotting our high-frequency words in many books,, and on posters and papers. Phonics has become our favorite subject, and we look forward to those days.

Our class has eight students and one gerbil, and sometimes our special visitor Quinn. Who is Quinn? She is Ms. Shannon's dog, and she

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Dates of Interest

Thursday & Friday, October 25-26
NO SCHOOL (Teachers attend IDW Conference)

Monday, October 29
EARLY OUT (Teachers' In-service)

Wednesday, October 31
1:00 p.m. FALL PARTY IN GYM



Monday, November 5
EARLY OUT (Parent-Teachers Conferences)

Saturday, November 10
9:00 a.m. MOVIE & MEETING
at the MALL (\$5)

Wednesday, November 21
EARLY OUT (Beginning of Thanksgiving Break)

Thursday & Friday, November 22-23
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Thursday, December 13
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
7:00 p.m. at the CHURCH



Friday, December 21
9:00 a.m. CHRISTMAS PARTY IN GYM
EARLY OUT (Beginning of Christmas Break)

December 24 through January 2
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

KINDERGARTEN (CONT.)



usually visits us during reading and sits with us on our reading rug. Mousse, our gerbil, is entertaining and full of craziness when he is in our room.

The six boys and two girls are active, adventurous, and silly with just a touch of shyness; a perfect combination for this teacher!



1ST AND 2ND GRADE

By Mrs. Pam Zirpel

Autumn leaves are falling! Check out our art on canvas next to the kindergarten room! October has first and second grade engaged in *Charlotte's Web*; a wonderful story about friendship. Students are enjoying the book. Both grades have been studying landforms and making maps in social studies.

Mrs. Seaman will be coming to our room this year as a volunteer. She is a retired teacher and loves working with children. She will be reading and writing with students. We are looking forward to her arrival.

Hope to see everyone at our Fall Festival Party at the end of October!



3RD GRADE



By Mrs. Suzy Awe

October is Fire Safety Month

Mrs. Awe's Third Grade class would like to share some fire safety rules they learned and wrote in their writing journals. We were very honored to work our way through The Firefighters Smoke House and find all of the violations and get out safely. Here are some good tips to follow:

Arayah: Once upon a time a house was on fire...everyone GET OUT!

Sean: Do not let friends of yours talk you into playing with matches or lighters.

Mckenzie: Know ways out of your house. To stay safe go to a meeting place.

Kane: If there is a fire, stay calm. Run over to your neighbor's house and ask to use their phone. Call 911 and say, "My house is on fire!"

Lindley: You have to crawl down low and find an exit. The firemen will try to come in and save you. If it is dark, the firemen have flashlights.

Ashlyn: If there was a fire in my house, I would leave all my pets and evacuate quickly and go to our meeting place. Let the firemen take care of your pets.

Holland: It is important to have smoke alarms and check them. If you get stuck, scream and bang as loud as you can so firefighters can hear you.



4TH GRADE

My Trip to Okoboji By Olivia

My trip to Okoboji was amazingly fun and educational. The first night we were there, it was amazing to see Camp Okoboji for the first time in my life.

We had dinner, then devotions, and finally went to bed. The next day we woke up early and went to breakfast. After that, we had our first session. We got to go on the Bug Bus! We put on special rubber boots in the woods so we would not get our feet wet. We collected insects. Kamryn and I caught two centipedes, a roly-poly, and a big worm (which is not an insect, but the bug team told us to try to find the biggest one we could). That afternoon, we went to the Semi-saurus where we heard the story of Adam and Eve, and got to see a tiny version of Noah's Ark.

Later that evening, we were at game time and the lights flickered and then went out. We all thought someone was playing a trick, but the power had gone out because of a storm. They said it would be fixed at 8 o'clock. Until then, we continued to do our activities; we ate dinner in the dark, hung out at the cabin for 45 minutes using flashlights, and gathered back together for devotions by candlelight. After devotions, we went back to our cabins for bed. All of a sudden the lights turned on! Everyone cheered.

On Friday morning, we had our final session. Brian Young talked about how some people think that animals were made (evolved) over hundreds of millions of years. I am so glad I went to Okoboji. It was an amazing experience, and I will never forget about that trip.

Okoboji By Kamryn

My trip to Okoboji was good even though half of the time I was a little upset. I missed my mom and dad a lot. Here are some good things about it. It was a very good experience.

I liked the game where the leader called out something that you liked or were wearing, etc. If that was true of you, you would have to go to the left or the right by a certain number of chairs and sit down; even if that meant sitting on someone's lap. Later that night we played a Disney character guessing game. Several leaders stood at different spots and the kids, divided into groups of five, would guess which Disney character they were. We had to sing, do jumping jacks, pick up sticks, and hug teachers to earn their answers.

The only scary part about camp was when the power went out. We were singing and eating in the dark. All of us girls, Olivia, Breezie, Eliza, and I, slept in the Bethel Cabin. Justice was the only boy so he slept in the Joppa Cabin.

We all got to go on the Bug Bus. We rode on a bus to a forest and looked for insects. Olivia and I found two centipedes, a roly-poly, and a worm.

I had a very fun time at Camp Okoboji. Everyone should go there if they can.



FIFTH GRADE



Chapel Families

By Eliza

Chapel Families are awesome! On the first Wednesday of each month we do something called Chapel Families. Each person goes in a certain group that are sorted by color: brown, dark green, neon green, dark blue, and sky blue. Each group has about one or two teachers.

When we get to our classrooms, we put on our shirts of different colors. When we get to chapel, we sit together with our Chapel Family. Each color has their own pew. After chapel we do fun activities. In September we created picture frames with stickers from a packet. In October we walked around the school and the church, and after that we had a snack.

Our next Chapel Family Wednesday will be on November 7th. You are welcome to attend. I hope you can make it and enjoy Chapel Families like I do!

Animal Tales from the Zoo

By Breezie & Justice

The zoo at school was amazing! They brought a falcon, a turtle, a hissing cockroach (pictured to the right), and a ferret. All the animals were so calm and cute...maybe not the hissing cockroach.

We didn't get to hold them, but we got to pet all of the animals except the falcon. We had to use only two fingers, like when you hold up the number 2 but your fingers are closed. We liked Frank the Falcon the best. Leigh told us that the bird was found with an injured wing and zoos were asked to help him. The zoo in Sioux Falls took him in and helped him get well. He still can't hunt by knocking out his prey in mid air, so they continue to feed him.

Eliza liked Fred the Ferret best, while Olivia's favorite animal was Flip the Turtle. Guess which one Kamryn picked! The hissing cockroach! (Enjoy some pictures on the next page.)

What do donuts have to do with Silly String? The students at St. Paul's Lutheran School found out one exciting afternoon!

Each child was challenged to sell Krispy Kreme doughnuts as a fundraiser, and there were various rewards for levels of sales. Many gobbled up their candy, and new backpacks can be seen everywhere, but only those who sold 30 boxes were given the opportunity to squirt their teacher-of-choice with Silly String!

Grayson, Eliza and Zeke (a sister-brother team), and Natalya sold the necessary quota to earn the cans of chaos.

In all, over 400 boxes of doughnuts were sold, raising \$4772 in all to be used on concert risers. Congratulations all!





Mrs. Awe's 3rd graders learn about fire prevention and safety.



Mrs. Awe's 3rd Graders join Mrs. Strong-Davis' and Mrs. Carrig's 4th and 5th graders for Foot Golf.



Students of all ages skating together.



St. Paul's Lutheran School meet creatures from the Sioux Falls' zoo.