



# NEWSLETTER

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**November 2024**

## **Note From the Principal:**

Hello everyone, I hope you all are doing well! I just want to tell you all how amazing your children are and how grateful we are to partner with you in their development. They all bring life to this school and their classrooms. The first quarter is now in the books and hopeful we will see you at parent teacher conferences. Remember, you can track your students' progress in Quickschools. You should have received an invite. If you have not seen it, be sure to check your junk mail. If you are still unable to find it, stop by the office or send me an email and I will send you another invite.

*"Time is the most valuable thing that we have because, it is the most irrevocable." Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Letters and Paper from Prison.*

## **Coming Events:**

Conferences are scheduled for Fri., Nov. 1st. All parents of students in Preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> grade will have specific times scheduled. You will find a form attached to this newsletter with your scheduled time on it. These are 15 minute sessions so please be on time so that you have some quality time with the teacher. We ask that you not bring your children to the conference. This is a special time for just you and the teacher. Copies of report cards for parents who miss their conference will be sent home on Monday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.

Picture Retakes will be Fri., Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Be sure to check the attached calendar for a list of other events.

## **Fund Raising Notes:**

If you haven't heard, the Jog/Walk-a-thon brought in \$13,900. A big thank you for all your work getting donations! Braxton Shoemaker received the \$50.00 Visa gift card for bringing in the most money. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade class won the movie & popcorn party

**Bottle/Can Drive:** Thank you for your participation! Congratulations goes out to the kindergarten class for winning the popcorn/movie party. Remember to stop by the office anytime and pick up the special blue bags to put your cans and bottles in. When they are full, bring them to the school and we will get them turned in at the Bottle Drop place. This is a great way to help the school.

Be sure to check into our ongoing fundraisers on our school information board outside the office in the foyer. It is a great

way to help the school out financially with nothing coming out of your own pocket.

## **Audio Bibles for Brazil:**

The students have brought in \$86.00 so far. We take an offering at Chapel on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month.

## **Holiday Blessings**

Each year we help fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. If you would like to fill a shoebox, we have boxes available, or you may purchase a plastic one from the store. The boxes will be available on the table in the foyer on Tuesday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. They are asking that you include \$10.00 with the box to help cover shipping charges. The boxes should be turned in by Tuesday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **Congratulations:**

*The Students of the Month for September were:*

Preschool – *Paisley Davis*

Pre-K – *Alita Turner*

Kindergarten – *Oliv Violette*

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – *Demi Freitas*

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – *Elijah Pierce*

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – *Cason Reinhart*

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – *Keira Carpenter*

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades – *Tycen Reyes*

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades – *Arielle Poole*

*The students displaying Christian Character for the Month of September were:*

Preschool – *Eliza Debono*

Pre-K – *Reece Reinhart*

Kindergarten – *Remington Roy*

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – *Connor Grubbs*

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – *Tatum Carpenter*

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – *Ellayna Tustin*

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – *Hailie Kersten*

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades – *Adelyn Kimzey*

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades – *Rosie Violette*

Way to go students, we are so proud of YOU!

## **Preschool – Miss Bleeker**

October has been a lot of fun! We have had fun this past month learning the letters A-H and numbers 1-8.

We will be continuing our study of creation along with learning about our five senses, goodness, and thankfulness this month.

Our Bible verse for November is "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Our Thanksgiving shared snack will be on Tuesday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign-up list in the classroom.

#### **Pre-K – Mrs. Dahl**

We have been busy in the Pre-K class practicing the vowels and learning the letters Tt and Bb. We are working on getting the letters in the correct space on their writing papers. Again, thank you for helping your child practice at home; it helps reinforce what is taught each day at school. You may hear your child singing the "Vowel" song.

Our new memory verse is Psalm 106:1, "Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!" As Thanksgiving approaches, we will be learning about being thankful and grateful. You may want to ask your child what they are thankful for. We will be having a Thanksgiving feast on November 26, watch for more details and the signup sheet for our feast.

Parent-Teacher conferences are coming up, please plan on attending this important meeting. We will discuss your child's progress as well as other important items.

#### **Kindergarten - Mrs. Kimzey**

Another month completed! I hope everyone had fun visiting 3 Mile Farm on our field trip. It was so much fun to watch everyone explore with their families and find all the exciting things Miss Scott had prepared for us. This next month, students will be writing their names on their own papers as we have now gone over the majority of the alphabet, learning their sounds, names and how to write them. We have also been working on our blends, which consists of a consonant followed by a short vowel sound. This is the first step to reading. Many are eager to add a 3<sup>rd</sup> letter and start creating words. Soon we will be starting our reading groups so be looking forward to that!

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Mrs. Hoyle**

Our year continues to be fun, exciting, and enjoyable for all of us. We have been learning about fall and are experimenting with trying to sprout a walnut tree seed. We recently started learning about our country's history and where we are located in the world.

In math, we have continued working on our addition and subtraction facts. We have also started working on story problems in class. Please continue to work on subtraction facts at home.

Everyone was excited to finish our very first book. I am so proud of all the work they put into learning how to read. Thank you for continuing to partner with me in helping them to thrive in the class.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Mrs. Garrett**

Our field trip to Miss Scott's farm and Adventure Garden was a success! Thank you to all the parents who were able to be there and help.

During our Bible time we are learning about being reverent towards God and other people.

If your child is struggling with Spelling, here is a study tip; have your child write the word, say the word out loud to you, and give them verbal spelling test throughout the week. Take care!

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Mrs. Davis**

Fall is always an exciting time of year! The air is crisp, and the students are settling into their work.

This is a group of hard working third graders, who are diligent with their schoolwork and homework, which I really appreciate. I also want to thank parents for their help ensuring homework is completed.

The students are working on memorizing their math facts, learning how to use a dictionary, and their cursive is coming along nicely. I am enjoying my time with the class. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Mrs. Ellis**

It has been a busy couple of months; we have settled into a good routine now. The class has just finished our first book report. In Bible we are learning the Old and New Testament books in order and how to locate chapters and verses. In history we are learning more about our thirteen colonies. Our science class is learning about mass, friction, and electromagnetic forces.

Our Thanksgiving party will be on November 26<sup>th</sup>. Parents are welcome to attend. More information will be sent home in the next week. I want to thank all the parents that have been helping with your students' homework; it really does make a difference.

#### **5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades - Mrs. Violette**

This month we will be having a Thanksgiving party on Tuesday, Nov. 26. The students have chosen a potluck with traditional holiday food. A sign-up sheet will go home a week or so before Tuesday. Parents and family members are welcome to attend. Our memory verse for the month is Galatians 5:24-26. The book report book for November is a biography. The report is due on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Please continue to work with your child on their multiplication facts for speed and memorization.

#### **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades – Mrs. Jones**

We have had a very successful first quarter. The students had a lot of fun at the Oregon Caves. We will be having a Thanksgiving Feast as a class on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. A note will come home about what to bring when the time gets closer.

In literature we will be reading Prince Caspian. The book report this month will be on a Mystery book of their choosing. It needs to be around 300 pages. It will be due on Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>. Intermediate math will be learning about area and volume while pre-algebra will be working on geometry. Science this month is on weather and erosion, and geography of the seas.

In history we will be studying a unit on the Middle Ages and the distortion of Christianity. This month's current event article will be due on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>.