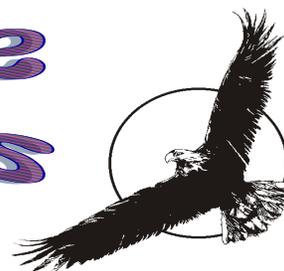


Salem Eagle Expressions

A QUALITY EDUCATION UNDER A CARING CHRIST



UPCOMING DATES

Friday, November 15

Mid-Quarter Reports Sent Home

Friday, November 22

1pm Early Dismissal

November 25 – 29

No School – Thanksgiving Break

.CHAPEL OFFERING 2ND QUARTER

Chapel offering for 2nd Quarter will go to St. Matthews Lutheran School in the city for people in need of food. We will also collect canned goods and nonperishable food items.

Our goal is to collect 2,019 items by December 19. Watch in the school entryway as the canned goods grow. We need your help!

SCHOOL CLOSINGS FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

As the colder weather is upon us, it is important for everyone to understand the procedures for inclement weather. When the decision is made for school to close, the decision is communicated to parents as quickly as possible. You will get a phone blast the night before the school closing or by 6:30a.m. of that morning. We will also distribute this information to the local television channels (Channels 2, 4, & 5).

We apologize for any inconvenience this past week, November 13, caused when most schools were out and we weren't. The majority of schools that close use buses and it's hard for them to maneuver on side streets with a lot of snow. They also don't want students standing for long periods in the cold. Fortunately we don't have that problem, but we won't make that mistake again. When Hazelwood School District is out of school for inclement weather, Salem will be closed also. We will send a phone blast and put it on the News stations. ***Please make sure the office has your updated phone number.***

We always want to think of safety first. If the roads aren't real bad around Salem, they may be bad in other areas. We apologize if these closings create an inconvenience. Please use your own judgment in your own areas.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DATES

Reserve these dates on your calendar for the following Christmas Program dates:

Dec. 5: Pre-K and Kindergarten

Dec. 12: 1st – 4th Grade

Dec. 19: 5th – 8th Grade

You don't want to miss it! More information will be coming out as we get closer to the dates.

PALS OPPORTUNITY

Thanksgiving is coming upon us ever so quickly! As we have in the past, we are hosting our annual Thanksgiving Lunch on November 22. In order to pull this off, we are in need of helpers. If you're in need of PALS Hours, please come by the school office and sign up with Mrs. Niehaus.

APPLEBUTTER STILL AVAILABLE

Applebutter is still available in the school office. Quarts are \$7 and Splenda pints are \$5. Stop in to pick yours up today.



OUR PRINCIPAL

MID-QUARTER REPORTS

On Friday, November 15, Mid-Quarters will be sent home with 1st – 8th graders. Please go over your child's grades. Help where help is needed and encourage and praise where grades are great.

Please sign and return the envelope by Monday, November 18.

AR GOALS

AR Goals should be at 50% by Friday, November 15.

THANKSGIVING LUNCH FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

11:00 – 12:30PM

You are invited to eat with your child or grandchild during their lunch time. Please see attachment for more details.

Give
THANKS
to the *Lord*

For He is good; His love endures Forever.

Psalms 136:1



OUR TEACHERS

PRE-K

"Enter his gates with Thanksgiving, and his courts with praise." The season of harvest is upon us, and we are thankful for everything that God is doing in our lives.

In the Pre-K 3 classroom our students are now able to identify letters E,F,G,and H. They've learned many interesting topics about these letters such as Eskimos, Families, Gardens, and Houses. With the help of our animal alphabet friends Ellie Elephant, Freddy Fish, Gomer Goat, and Homer Horse, the class knows the sounds as well for these letters. In our numbers and skills we have focused on the number 5 and are counting up to the number 20. The class has enjoyed our arts & craft Fridays and always look forward to being creative. In our Bibles our focus scriptures this month have been Matthew 28:20, Zechariah 4:6, Colossians 3:15, and Matthew 19:19

The Pre-K 4 class looks forward to a full day of learning each and every day. In Phonics we are now reading 3 letter words! We're continuing our consonant and vowel blends, and are able to give sounds and blend consonants n,m,h,s,c,n and d. In Math readiness we have number climbed all the way to the number 40, and our focus numbers have been 7 and 8. We've started identifying coins and counting them as well. The class is doing an excellent job with their handwriting and are remembering our "house method" for letter placement on all assignments. Scissor usage has been a strength for us in class as well for our skills development. We've completed so many projects and are always excited to share with our friends and family our hard work. If you're ever in the hallway be sure to stop by the Pre-K main classroom and check out our wall with each student's artwork. In our Bibles our focus scriptures for this month have been Luke 1:37, Matthew 6:11, Deuteronomy 6:5, and

Psalm 9:9.

I look forward to seeing you all during our Thanksgiving lunch next week. Continue to uplift and encourage your children as they come to school each day. Have a blessed weekend.

-Mrs Ainge

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten is well on their way to the end of mid-quarters, as they say time flies by when you're having fun! Time will not slow down and the Kindergarten class doesn't plan to slow down anytime soon either. We have been so busy learning new concepts as well enhancing the ones they learned in Pre-K!

In Math, we have been focusing on extending patterns, pairing objects to numbers and counting pennies. It was exciting to see how they enjoyed counting money and learning who and what was pictured on the coin. With patterns we learned that they are not only in Math but in Science, also. In Science, patterns are in the sky and also in our seasons of the year. The sun rises and sets in the same direction everyday and the seasons come and go in the same way every year.

In Reading, these past few weeks we have been diving deeper into blending. We have been focusing on the initial and ending sounds of letters p, m, t, c, n, short i and hard c and blending it with other sounds to make words like pin, win and fin. The class has been doing an awesome job blending and reading words with these sounds! Along with blending sounds, we have begun our journey into mastering our first set of Kindergarten sight words. By them mastering these more frequently seen words in text, it allows them to be able to focus on more difficult and less familiar words while learning to read.

In Kindergarten it is not only important to teach academics but ways to deal with their emotions and their peers is of the same importance. I like to call this Social- Emotional learning. During these lessons we do different activities that will teach

them about how to deal with their emotions and other's emotions. In our first lesson we answered the question "How can you be a bucket filler". A bucket filler is a person that does kind things and all the children chose their own way of how they would fill other's buckets, whether at home or at school. If it's not encouraging, helpful or respectful we want to stay away from it because we then are a bucket dipper, a person who does things that will empty another person's bucket! Of course, Kindergarten will still go through different emotional things but teaching them now will help them better understand their emotions in the future.

In Religion, we have had many verses to remember, but the one I saw the children focus on the most was Luke 1:37 "Nothing will be impossible with God". In this story we talked about the Battle of Jericho. In this battle they had to trust that God would provide and protect them and He did just that! The children were so amazed at how God works and they could not stop talking about how we can do and be anything as long as we trusted and believed in God!

Let's continue to encourage our children to be like those at the Battle of Jericho! Nothing is impossible with God!

Have a blessed week!

Mrs. Peters

NOTES FROM THE SINGING EAGLES

Many thanks go to the following Singing Eagles and the family members who brought them to Salem on All Saints' Sunday, November 3rd, to sing "Behold What Manner of Love" by Patricia Van Tine and "Let the People Praise" by Grace Hawthorne and Buryl Red: Lennox Turner, Kamia Cleveland, Samiah McGill, and soloist, Aniya Cleveland. Your beautiful singing encouraged others to praise our God "with saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven."