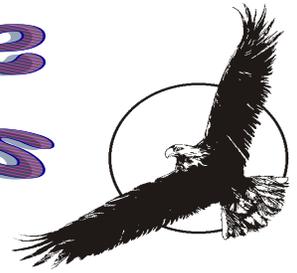


Salem Eagle Expressions

A QUALITY EDUCATION UNDER A CARING CHRIST



Happy Thanksgiving



TAKE TIME TO THANK GOD FOR ALL YOUR BLESSINGS
Thanksgiving Break – No School – November 25 - 29



OUR PRINCIPAL

THANKSGIVING LUNCH

Thank you Mrs. Niehaus, Mrs. Scherer, Mr. & Mrs. Jackson, and Mrs. Spanglet (tamales, yum yum!), and everyone else who helped make our Thanksgiving Dinner so special! Thank you to all our parents, grandparents, relatives, and friends for coming. We're glad you could join us. We hope you had a great day!

EXTENDED CARE PROGRAM

If you are planning to use the ECP starting Monday, December 2, a \$100 deposit on your ECP account must be on FACTS in order to use the ECP.

ECP is now a prepaid program. When your account reaches \$20, you will be given an email to replenish your account.

Please make sure this happens so you won't have to pick your child up. School dismisses at 3:30pm.

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!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Please make sure your child is stocked with all their school supplies. If you are not sure if they have everything, call or Fast direct your child's teacher. Extra Kleenex is always good to send for the classroom. Cold season is upon us. Remember to think of others if your child is running a fever or is sick, and please keep them at home. Thank you.

CANNED GOODS

Canned goods or new or slightly used toys help the children and adults of the city. Our goal is to bring in 2,019 items by December 19. All the items will go to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and School in the city. They have a food pantry that helps feed the hungry people of St. Louis.

To reach our goal, each individual needs to bring in at least 11 items. Thank you for helping our people in need!



ACCELERATED READER

Please check with your child's teacher to see how close they are to reaching their AR goal.

Please make sure your child is reading. Thanksgiving Break is a good time to read!

All children in grades 1 – 8 should come back on December 2 read to take an AR test.

AR quizzes may be taken until Thursday, December 19, but don't wait until that date.

All of the students are capable of reaching their goal. Goals are based on each child's reading ability. Some may have goals of 5 points, for the quarter, while others may have goals of 50 points for the quarter. The point is, your child should reach their goal.

Reading is fundamental to their education. See attachment for the importance of reading.

REMINDER!

NO SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 25 - 29
THANKSGIVING
BREAK



OUR TEACHERS

1ST GRADE

Counting our blessings this season will bring joy to our hearts. We should teach our children to count their blessings by reminding them how God is a loving God who takes care of everyone.

As the holiday season approaches, let's show our children how important it is to give to others. Teach them to take a toy from last Christmas that they no longer play with and give to another family who may want that same toy, but parents were unable to afford it. They can also take a book they enjoyed reading and pass it on to that same family.

Another good teaching lesson is bringing in canned goods for the hungry people of St. Louis. Canned goods can be brought in through Thanksgiving and up to Christmas. Let's continue to remind students to think of others.

These small things will help our children bring joy to others.

We are thankful the first grade class has become readers, which is a blessing. They will become better readers the more they read. Any opportunity to practice the decoding skills will improve their reading skills. Keep up the good work!

When you are writing the shopping list for Thanksgiving, let your child help write the food name. Let them go to the grocery store to help locate items on the list. We have been writing sentences using holiday foods, spelling words, and vocabulary words.

We have been exploring where animals live. Think about your community and discover what animals live in your neighborhood.

Students are fascinated with maps. As we identify the continents, countries, states, and local map, symbols are a challenge but fun. If you are traveling during the holidays include the children in identifying states, landmarks, and bodies of water.

Enjoy the holidays and take every opportunity to teach a lesson and read.

Grateful,
Ms. Bailey

2ND GRADE

It is almost Thanksgiving Break and we are excited for the upcoming break and also reflecting on all the things we are thankful for. It is hard to believe we are nearing the end of 2019 and will soon be entering 2020. The students and teachers in grades 1-4 have been working very hard preparing for our Christmas production of "Hark, the Herald Angel", which the children will present on December 12 at 7pm in the church.

Even though we are getting ready to close out 2019, 2nd grade has continued to work hard in our various subjects. We have finished reviewing all of the manuscript letters in Handwriting, and will begin the basic curves needed for cursive after Thanksgiving Break. In English, we are finishing up our unit on nouns and will begin working on writing paragraphs. In Science, we finished unit 2, which was about animals and their groupings (mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians) and will begin unit 3 which is about animal life cycles. In Math we are working with the addition with and without

regrouping, fractions and measuring to the nearest inch.

Even with the busyness of the season, there is much work to do and new things to learn.

Ms. Cleveland & 2nd grade

3RD GRADE

Third Grade has been having such a good time learning new things and developing new friendships and relationships! Over the weeks, I have been reminding the students how important it is to be kind to one another and treat others with respect. So far, so good!

In Reading, we finished up Unit 2 with learning about poetry. The students were able to identify different literary elements such as alliteration and rhyme. This week we began reading James and the Giant Peach! The children are so excited and have been responding well to the story. They are always so eager to know what's going to happen next in the story. Once we are done reading the story we are going to finish off with watching the movie!

In Math, we began working with fractions and identifying fractions of a dollar. So far, this has been their favorite section in our Math this year. We've been playing games and having different drills to help them learn more about it.

Now we have a much needed break coming up and I know the students are looking forward to their time of just being able to wind down and enjoy their families. Have a great Thanksgiving break!

Mrs. Harper