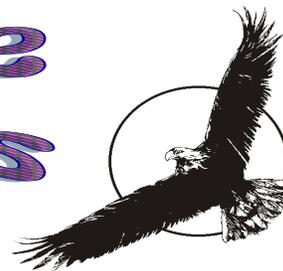


Salem Eagle Expressions

A QUALITY EDUCATION UNDER A CARING CHRIST



MERRY CHRISTMAS

No School
December 23 – January 3



OUR PRINCIPAL

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! God has blessed us richly throughout the 2019 year and we pray for His continued blessings in the 2020 year.

We have been blessed to experience the beautiful story of the birth of our Lord Jesus through Christmas musicals from our Salem students. What an awesome witness! All the programs were just fantastic! Students and teachers are to be commended for a job well done. All Glory to God our Father, Savior of the World!

MR. SCHWERIN WILL BE GONE

Mr. Schwerin will not be at Salem from January 6 – 24.

Mr. Craig will be in charge. Ms. Mansfield will be helping out.

I'm sure everything will be fine at Salem because ultimately God is in control.

REPORT CARDS

Second Quarter ended today, Friday, December 20. Report Cards will be distributed on Friday, January 10, 2020.

THANK YOU FROM FACULTY AND STAFF!

Thank you from all the faculty and staff for all your wonderful gifts and well wishes.

You have made this a very special Christmas and we thank you!

Merry Christmas and God bless!

ACADEMIC FAIR JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 1

Salem school will be participating in the Lutheran North Academic Fair again this year. Students from various Lutheran schools will compete with each other in Math (grades 4-8), Spelling (grades 1-8), Music (grades 1-8), Bible Facts (grades 7-8), and Art projects (grades 4-8).

We hope you will be able to come out and see all the talented students from Salem Lutheran School!

REMINDER 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 6:30 a.m. of that morning. We will also distribute this information to the local television station (Channel 5).

We do our best to assess conditions in all areas that our students are coming from. The majority of the time if Hazelwood schools are closed we will usually be closed also.

We always want to think 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.

If you did not receive a call Sunday December 15 or Monday, December 16, please call the school office to add your number.



OUR TEACHERS

PRE-K

I can't believe that we are halfway done with school already! The season of love and giving is here and the Pre-K classes shine bright each day, showing how much they love their families and their love for God.

In the Pre-K 3 classroom our students are now able to identify letter I and J. They've learned many interesting topics about these letters such as Insects, Israel, Indians, Japan, Jelly fish, and the Jungle. With the help of our animal alphabet friends Itchy Inchworm and Jenny Jaguar, the class knows the sounds as well for these letters. In our numbers and skills, we have focused on number 6, 7, and 8. We still enjoy our arts and craft Fridays and hope you love the art work that the students have brought home. In our Bibles our focus scriptures this month have been Luke 2:11, Luke 2:14, 2 Chronicles 6:10, and Psalm 95:6.

The Pre-K 4 class has come a long way since the first day of school. We have started reading 3 word sentences, and are reading out of our "Little Books"! We're working on our blends that form words and are now focused on ending sounds. Our sight word for this month is the word "the", and our handwriting has improved as well. In Math readiness we have number climbed all the way to the number 50, and our

focus numbers have been numbers 9 and 10. We have completed several in-class activities and look forward to sharing them with our parents weekly. In our Bibles our focus scriptures for this month have been Luke 1:47, Luke 2:11, Isaiah 60:1, and Joshua 1:9.

I pray that your families will be blessed and safe this holiday season. Enjoy your Christmas and see you all in 2020!

Mrs. Ainge

KINDERGARTEN

Its Christmas time! The first half of the school year has flown by and it has been extremely exciting!

First and foremost, I would like to say thank you to all the families of Pre-K and Kindergarten. Without out you all we would have not been able to put on such an amazing Christmas program! This year's program was an unforgettable experience! I am so proud of all the children; they all worked extremely hard to make sure the program was a success for their families.

Not only had Kindergarten been working hard for their Christmas program but in their studies as well.

In Kindergarten, a new reader finds sight words very frustrating until they are memorized. Learning to read is a combination of many skills including letter recognition, decoding skills, phonics, phonemic awareness and memorizing sight words. Knowing sight words alone does not mean that a child can

read but it is an important step on the path to literacy. Over the past few weeks many students have already mastered the first set of sight words. They get really excited when reading in our wonders series that they can read some simple sentences all because they are mastering one of the steps to reading. It is so rewarding seeing them achieve a small step of their goals so early in the year! They can only get better from here, so parents keep working with them at home!

In Math, we have been working on telling time by the hour on digital and analog clocks. This is a new and exciting math concept and they have been diligent in helping me keep track of what we should be doing and at what time it should be done. Is it always right, no, but again they have this sense of accomplishment that no one can take away from them and I am just glad to see that they are taking it and using it as much as they can.

As you have seen this has been an amazing first half of the school year! I cannot wait to see what God has in store for the second half of the school year. I pray that each of you enjoy this upcoming Christmas Break with your children and your families and may God continue to bless you all!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mrs. Peters