

Grade 1 & 2 News

December 8, 2025

This week we are studying how God directed the Israelites to live and worship. Our first lesson focuses on God giving the 10 Commandments to the Israelites followed by them breaking the very first commandment by worshiping a golden calf. **As Christians, we follow the 10 Commandments because we know these are pleasing to God and it is a way to say, "Thank you!" to him for all his love and care.**

Save the Date: We are having our School Children's Christmas Service **this week Saturday, December 13 at 3:00pm.** Please take the opportunity to invite family and friends to join us for this special service when the children get to present the Christmas account in word and song! We will be spending time every day during the upcoming school days to practice our songs and recitations. After the service we will have a time for families to enjoy a snack of cookies and cocoa.

Christmas Eve Service: Any students who are planning to be part of the Children's Christmas Eve Service with the St. John Sunday School children should attend the special Saturday morning practices on December 6 and 20, from 9:00-11:00am. This special service is on Christmas Eve at 6:30pm. All the St. John School children are invited to join the Sunday School Children in this special service.

Our **first graders** are starting a new reading unit, and we are introducing long vowels this week. This is a big step for our first graders because up until now we have only been using the short vowel sound as we sound out words. Any long vowel words we encountered were considered "Memory Words." Now the students will learn the second major sound that each of the vowels can make and rules about when to use a long vowel sound instead of a short vowel sound as they are reading. **Their spelling test will be on Friday, 12/12/25.**

Second graders are learning about the hard and soft c and g sounds this week. We are also reading a chapter book together called, "The Bears on Hemlock Mountain." **The next spelling test will be on Friday, 12/12/25.**

Grade 1 Spelling List Tested on 12/12/25:

long o words:

1. go
2. no
3. so

long e words:

4. be
5. he
6. me
7. she
8. we

long i word:

9. hi

long u word:

10. flu



Grade 2 Spelling List: Tested on 12/12/25

soft c words:

1. city
2. circle
3. nice
4. space
5. pencil
6. excited

soft g words:

7. age
8. page
9. huge
10. large
11. giant
12. gentle

On **Tuesday, December 23**, we are having our classroom Christmas party. During the party we will have a gift exchange. Please try to keep the gift spending around \$5. Girls should bring a gift appropriate for a girl, and boys for a boy. Just mark the tag, "For a boy" or "For a girl" and who it is from. We will be playing a game to decide who will be getting each present. Children can bring

their gifts for the exchange anytime this week. Please make sure your child's gift for the exchange is here by Monday, Dec. 22.

If any parents would like to help with our Christmas party, I would welcome the help! I'm looking for people to help plan 2-3 games for the children and make a craft (or two if they are quick). We'll be starting our party about 9:00 and go until lunch time. If you can help out please let me know via text or a note. Thanks!!

Don't forget that this week Friday we have chapel in the morning, show-and-tell, and hot lunch. Hot Lunch this week is mac 'n cheese and chicken nuggets, peas, and a cookie. If you choose to have hot lunch the cost is \$2 and you pay that to me in the morning.

Dates to Keep in Mind:

St. John School Children's Christmas Service – December 13, 3:00pm (cookies and cocoa reception to follow)

Classroom Christmas Party and Early Release (1:00pm) – December 23

St. John Church Children's Christmas Eve Service – December 24, 6:30pm

Let's have a wonderful week!

Mrs. Myslik