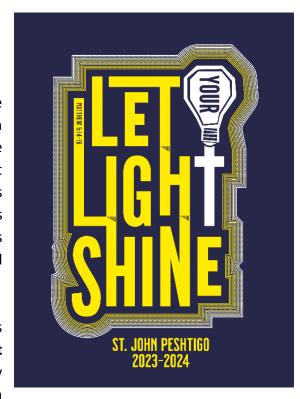
Mrs. Myslik's K-1 News and Notes

December 11, 2023

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.

We are having our School Children's Christmas Service this week **Saturday**, **December 16 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. Thank you to all who have responded that you will bring cookies!

Kindergarteners will be finishing their unit on the letter Tt this week, and they will be introduced to a new Superkid named Frits. Frits is a fun kid who loves fishing. This unit will focus on the letter Ff.

Our **first graders** are starting a new reading unit and we are introducing long vowels this week. This is a really 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, 12/15/23.**

Grade 1 Spelling List Tested on 12/15/23:

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

On **Friday, December 22,** we are having our classroom CHRISTMAS PARTY! For our party day we are having a PAJAMA AND FUZZY SOCKS DAY! Students may wear their coziest (clean) pajamas and socks for the day at school. If they are Christmas themed, even better!

We are looking for parent help providing snacks for our party day. There is a Sign-Up Genius on our school website (www.stjohnpeshtigo.org) to let us know how you can help out. Look under the "Sign-up Genius" tab and follow the link to the sign-up. All the special treats and snacks will be shared as a buffet of deliciousness for the children of our school.

During our classroom party we will have a gift exchange. Please try to keep the gift cost around \$5. Girls should bring a gift appropriate for a girl, and boys for a boy. Please 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. We have started decorating our classroom for Christmas and our tree is up. Children can bring their gifts for the exchange anytime starting tomorrow. Please make sure your child's gift for the exchange is here by Wednesday, Dec. 20.

If any parents would like to help with our Christmas party, I would welcome the help! I'm looking for people to help plan a few (3-4) games for the children and make a craft (or two if they are short crafts). We'll be starting our party after lunch recess, about 12:45, and go until the end of the day at 2:45. If you are able to help out, please let me know via email or a note.

Thanks!!

Don't forget this week Friday we have chapel, hot lunch, and Show-and-tell time.

Hot lunch this week will be pizza.

Let's have a terrific week!

Mrs. Myslik