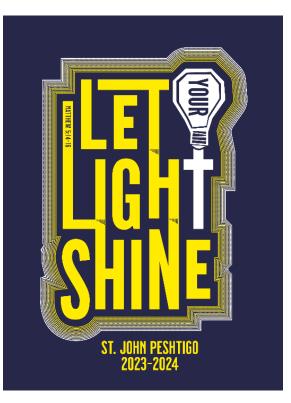
Mrs. Myslik's K-1 News and Notes

December 18, 2023

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Can you believe it is the last week of school before Christmas?! What a joy-filled week we have ahead of us! As we prepare for our Christmas celebrations, let's give thanks to our Lord for fulfilling his promise of salvation first made to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Let's remember it is our sins that caused Jesus to leave his heavenly kingdom and enter this world. Remember that his birth in Bethlehem is just the first step leading to his ultimate sacrifice on the cross. Keeping all this in mind, I wish you all a truly blessed CHRISTmas!



This week in our Word of God lessons we are learning about the Tabernacle – the movable tent where the Israelites worshiped God - and a very special celebration the Israelites observed, the Day of Atonement.

The children did a wonderful job on Saturday! Thank you to all of the parents who provided cookies as a special treat after the service. I love seeing and hearing the children praise our Lord in church. To God be the Glory!!!

The **Christmas Eve Service is this weekend on Sunday**. We will be presenting the service on Sunday at 6:30p.m. with the Sunday School children of St. John. Please make sure your child reports to the basement of church by 6:15 that evening. **They should be ready for church**, so please make sure they have used the bathroom before coming downstairs.

Kindergarteners are working on the letter Ff and learning about Superkid Frits. Frits loves fishing. The children read a story last week about Frits teaching Lily how to fish. This week we will read more about Frits's fishing adventures. Our **first graders** are continuing our reading unit and learning more about long vowels this week. This week we are learning about words that have the "vowel-consonant-super e" pattern. The students will learn how the "super e" doesn't say anything, but helps the vowel to "say its name" in a word. Which means the vowel is pronounced with the long sound. The children are getting their new spelling words today and will have their next spelling test in the morning on **Friday, December 22**.

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! Grade 1 Spelling List Tested on 12/22/22:

vowel-consonantsuper e words:

- 1. game
- 2. same
- 3. ride
- 4. side

memory words:

- 5. said
- 6. only
- 7. you 8. out
- 9. of
- 10. here

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!!

This week's hot lunch of sloppy joes will be provided by the school on Friday. There is no charge for the lunch, as so many families are already helping that day by sending in party snacks.

Have a wonderful week and a very happy CHRISTMAS! Mrs. Myslik