

What Wild Things Are Going on in K and 1?

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In Christ-light this week we are learning about Thomas, the disciple who just couldn't believe it when the other disciples told him Jesus was alive. He had to see it with his own eyes and touch Jesus himself. We will also learn about the disciples meeting Jesus in Galilee, when Jesus told his disciples he wants them to be his witnesses and teach God's Word to the world. Just as the disciples were filled with joy at seeing their risen Savior, may we be filled with joy and be led to share his Word with others!

Kindergarten Reading: This week the kindergarteners will finish our unit about the letter Ww and will begin a new unit about the letters K and Qu during our reading lessons. We will be reading a story about the Superkids putting on a play with a king and a queen in it called, "The Glum Princess."

Kindergarten Math: Throughout the school year we have practiced counting different coins during math class. We began with pennies and counting by ones, then dimes and counting numbers by 10. We moved on to nickels and skip counting by 5's, and individually things were going very well. Most recently we looked at the quarter and learned that it is worth 25 cents (we are not skip counting quarters, yet). Even since we put quarters into the mix, and worked on sorting and counting different coins, the students have been having a lot of trouble remembering the names of each coin and how to count with them. I encourage all our kindergarten families to

practice sorting and counting coins at home. Grab your coin jar or piggy banks and have your child sort the money by kind. Then review the names for each kind of coin and practice counting pennies up to 30 cents, nickels up to 50 cents, dimes up to \$1, and practice that each quarter is worth 25 cents.

Our **first graders** are learning about "soft c" (as in city) and "soft g" (as in magic) sounds this week. The rule is that the letters c and g make the soft sound when it has an e, i, or y right after it. Our new spelling list will have words with both sounds as well as 6 new memory words. Please make sure to review your child's list with them each day, so they are ready for the test by Friday. Their next **spelling test will be on Friday, April 25.**

First Grade Spelling List:

soft c words:

- 1. face
- 2. place

soft g words:

- 3. cage
- page

memory words:

- 5. kind
- 6. buy
- 7. find
- 8. right
- 9. wash
- 10. light

Field Trip! We will be taking a **spring field trip on May 14**. We are keeping it local this year and going to start with a visit to the newly remodeled Library. Each year the Peshtigo Library donates a book to everyone in our classroom. This year they have invited us to come and see the library and have story time with them, tour the police department, the fire department, and meet the Mayor of Peshtigo. After our time at the library, we will go to Badger Park for a picnic lunch and time to play, following that we will be going to the Mariner Theater where we will get to see "Finding Nemo" on the big screen. We will return to school in time for dismissal as usual. The cost for the field trip will be \$5 per student, and adult chaperones are free. If you are interested in joining us for this trip, you are welcome! A note will be going home soon with a schedule for the day and the permission slip. The students from K4-grade 4 will be going together for this trip, and the upper graders are going to join up with us at the Mariner, too.

What is our next big school event? Track Day! Track day is coming up on May 16. This is a day when all the students from K-8 do an assortment of track and field activities. It is a busy and fun day and needs lots of adult volunteers. Please consider signing up to help run different activities during the day. The k-1 activities include: jumping rope, throwing a ball, drop-kicking a ball, standing broad jump, running 400 meters, 50-meter dash, tossing a bean bag, throwing a frisbee, and a short distance zig-zag run. Adult volunteers help with measuring or timing the students at each event. You can volunteer by signing up on the Sign-up Genius page on our school website (www.stjohnpeshtigo.org). Click on the "Sign-up Genius Tab" and follow the link to sign-up.

Hot lunch this week is hot dogs, mac 'n cheese, corn, and a cookie.

Let's have a wonderful week!

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