

What's the Buzz in K-2?

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Welcome back to school! I am very excited to begin our school year! This year we will be learning so many wonderful things in our room! We want to welcome our new students to our room! Our kindergarteners are: Willow Kamps, Jonah Langebartels, Oliver Mech, Jade Mendez Vega, Bentley Needham, and Addy Schwittay. We also have returning first graders, Sawyer Kamps and Colton Schwittay, and have 4 returning students in second

grade: Sam Langebartels, Eleanor Lorenz, Levi Maedke, and Nora McClain. That makes 12 students and one happy teacher in all.

Just a reminder...our school day begins at 8:00 a.m. and **students should not arrive to school before 7:45 a.m.** Please adjust your arrival times if you are arriving earlier than 7:45 a.m.

In **Christ-light** – our Word of God class - we are focusing on the New Testament lessons. Last week we learned about the creation of the world, the first sins, and God promising to send a Savior. This week we will learn about the angel Gabriel announcing the births of John and Jesus, and the birth of John.

Our first memory work assignment (for first and second graders) is coming up on Wednesday. It is the Bible passage John 3:16. We practice it in class, but they will need to polish it up at home with you. Please make sure to practice the memory work with your child(ren) at home. When your children come to school they should be ready to say the Bible passage or hymn verse to me.

Kindergarteners have been introduced to Superkid Cass. Cass loves to cook and has a cat named Coconut. As you can tell, **we are working on the letter Cc**. We learned about the special starting spot that c has – just below the top line – then we make these letters by going up and around in a smooth line. When you see your child drawing circles, always encourage them to use the special starting spot that we learned about. (This will help them with correctly writing MANY of our other letters in the future.)

We are also working on learning to **write each number** correctly. So far we have done the numbers 1, 2, and 3, this week we will continue up to the number five.

In first grade we have been working on reviewing the letters of the alphabet and especially reviewing the vowel sounds, using the book "Welcome Back, Superkids." We have been re-

reading some fun stories about our Superkids friends and reviewing many of the concepts introduced in kindergarten reading.

In **math**, our first graders have been working on proper number formation and counting.

Fridays are special days here at St. John's. We have chapel, hot lunch, and Show and Tell time.

We begin our day by walking over to church for a chapel service. During the service we will have a mission offering. This first half of the school year our mission collection will go to WELS ministry in Thailand.

Friday is also our hot lunch day. Hot lunch this week is macaroni and cheese. The meal costs \$2.00 and the money is brought in the morning on Friday. Your child can just give me the money when they come in the classroom. If your child prefers not to have hot lunch, that's fine. Just make sure to send a cold lunch for them.

We are still looking for additional families to make and serve hot lunch. If you are willing to do this, please sign up using the Sign-Up Genius tab on our school website:

www.stjohnpeshtigo.org. Right now we have lots of open slots, so please consider taking a turn. The children really love it when their parents come in for hot lunch, and it makes it a special day for them.

Each Friday we will also have Show and Tell. Children are all encouraged to bring in something special to them to share with the class. Please make sure the items can fit safely in their backpacks, and use extra caution if sending something fragile. While they may really like to share an item, some things might be better if they are not brought to school. Sending a picture of the item would be better than sending something that would get wrecked. I would really hate to have anything broken while traveling to and from school!

Let's have a fantastic week!

Mrs. Myslik