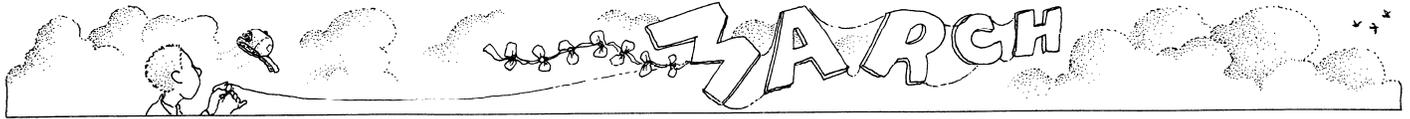


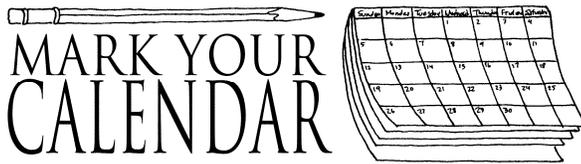
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL

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Colossians 3:1-4 Since then you have been raised with Christ set your hearts on things above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above not on earthly things. For you died and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears then you will appear with him in glory.



Friday March 4th School Auction
March 6-12th Lutheran Schools Week
Sunday, March 6th Sing in church at the 10:30am service
Lutheran Schools Week Dress Up Days
Monday, 7th Pajama Day
Tuesday, 8th Silly Hat/sock/inside out Day
Wednesday, 9th Blue and White Day (School colors)
Thursday, 10th Beach/Hawaiian Day
Friday, 11th VIP (Very Important Person) Day and
dress as your favorite Bible Character
Thursday & Friday, March 17th and 18th NO SCHOOL
Spring Break
Saturday, April 2nd Seward Talent Festival
Wednesday, April 6th Lenten Meal

Early registration for each school child is \$75.00 by **April 1st**. Following April 1st the registration fees goes up to \$100.00 per child.

A Message from Mrs. Ahrens

Aren't our children amazing? Parents ask themselves this constantly with their child's imagination and creativity. This is also tied to their child's learning many new skills and concepts. When our children began school in the fall, we may have thought: "I wonder what my child will be learning this year", "Will they be able to accomplish all that is expected of them?", and "The teacher expects them to know that? Why they are only in"

Children are amazing and wonderful gifts from God. At school we have set the expectations high, and yet the children meet those expectations and at times go beyond .

In the month of March we celebrate Lutheran Schools. The Bible verse chosen for the special week is John 8:31b, 32. "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples.....and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." Watch as we tie this together in all that we do. God it truly amazing!!

Kindergarten is reading beautifully. Their reading skills have been developing over the year. They first began with only knowing their letters and a few of the basic sounds. Taking the sounds they were already familiar with, and then teaching the 70 phonogram sounds, has allowed the children to confidently sound out words with ease. We hope to share this success with a very special person on Friday, March 11th. Kindergarteners along with first graders will be sharing a special story with their special someone.

RELIGION

Kindergarteners and First graders in Religion have been learning the Books of the Bible through song. We have only been working on the books of the New Testament for a couple of weeks, and have just begun learning the books of the Old Testament. The children are quickly picking them up and are very excited about naming all 27 books in the NT, as well as starting 39 books in the OT. No matter which books of the Bible we sing or study, we learn that Jesus is a part of them and is in every lesson we study daily. It's great to hear the children even tie our daily lessons back together with Jesus. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 9th, and the children are ready to continue on 'with the rest of the story'. For they each know the story does not end with Jesus birth at Christmas, but that the story must go on until Jesus has fulfilled his reason for

coming to earth. This reason can be found only through Jesus death on the cross and His resurrection.

In History, it won't be long before kindergarteners are learning the 44 presidents by name. We have a cool way to learn them in order, as well as learning some interesting facts about them. Second and third graders have begun their books in Literature on a United States President. Maybe when they are finished they will be willing to share with us some of the interesting facts they have discovered with us.

GEOGRAPHY

As God orders our days, kindergarteners are ordering their numbers from one to one hundred. While also looking at which number is bigger than another. First graders will be starting multiplication within the month and will be amazed at how much they already know, since we have been working with equal groups, and counting in various ways. (by 2's, 4's, 5's, 10's)

Geography has taken us to South America. The first through third graders are becoming a little more skilled with using a map and finding specific locations. A test over South America and its countries will be coming very soon. We will then move quickly to Central America and then have some time to learn parts of another continent.

A Message from Mrs. Burk

I have to admit, I really liked that warm week we had in February, but reality is back and it's COLD! We have so much to be thankful for, even when the temperature is so low. We have a gracious God who provides for our needs. I don't know about you, but I know I have way more than I need! I have indeed been blessed. I have a great group of students and parents to work with again this year!

In Religion, we are continuing to learn about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We will begin to talk about his last few weeks here on earth. We will study about the sacrifice he made, so that we may live.

MATH

In Math, we take timed tests, to help us memorize our basic math facts. Math 3 is learning to measure to the nearest $\frac{1}{4}$ ", subtract with regrouping, and they are learning all

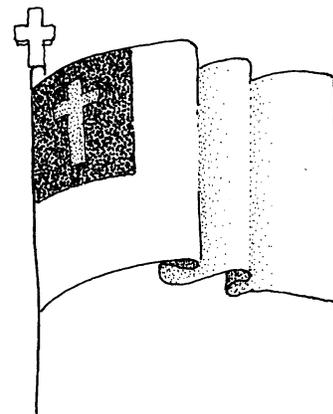
of their multiplication facts. Math 5/4 is working with dividing with a 2 digit number, and also figuring percentages from fractions. Math 6/5, is working with 3 digit multiplication and more division. They are also learning about fractions, percentages and probability. Math 7/6, is working with finding the circumference of a circle, we had a fun hands on activity to go along with this lesson. They are memorizing the formulas for the area of a square, parallelogram, and triangle. Careful reading and paying attention to detail are very important in success with math.

SCIENCE

In History, the 1-4th graders are learning about the beginning of Democracy with Greece and then moving on to Israel and Judah Falling. The 5-6th graders are learning about the Massachusetts Bay Colony, the Home of the Puritans and then also we'll learn who Roger Williams is and his connection with Rhode Island.

In Science, we studied garbology, the study of garbage! We even set up a recycling center in our own classroom. We have an ongoing experiment with different objects, finding out if they will decay or not. Our 5th grade class will be headed to Star Base in March for 5 weeks. What a neat experience this is for our students who have the opportunity to participate in this hands-on science experience.

We are excited for the first full week in March where we get the opportunity to celebrate Lutheran Schools Week! We are also looking forward to having a student teacher in our classroom! We have a lot of fun activities in store for the month of March.



A Message from Mrs. Hanson and Mrs. Bock

Dear Parents,

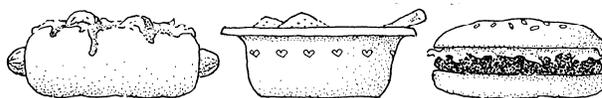
As we were cutting out a project the other day, Mrs. Hanson reminded a student to try to keep their scissors on the thick black line as to not be left with only small scraps. The child replied, "its okay however it turns out; I like paper scraps!" How many times during our adult life do we feel that we end up with the scraps...but its NOT okay? Do we take time to look at our daily life as this child did? I pray that we are all able to take time this week and thank and praise God for all the blessings that he bestows upon all of us daily.

During Worship in the month of March; our bible lessons will be The Prodigal Son, Jesus Feeding the 5000, Calming of the Storm, Jesus Walking On Water. Also, we will memorize our Bible verse; Jesus said " I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." John 10:11 and learn the second verse of I Am Jesus' Little Lamb.

Dr. Brent Johnson will visit with the preschool classes about Dental Health. He has graciously

given each of the preschoolers a small gift bag that they will receive on the day of his visit. Included in the gift bag is a brushing chart that can be filled out daily to establish good dental health habits. We will read The Dentist and the Crocodile, start egg experiments, and make some fun teeth crafts as we talk about dental health in our classrooms during the next few weeks. We will focus on ocean life during the last weeks of March when we read the bible lessons of Jesus Walking On Water and the Calming of the Storm.

V.I.P. LUNCHEON



Mark your calendars for these special dates:

March 10th and 11thVIP day

April 6th.....Lent Meal

School and Preschoolers sing at 6:30

