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Principally Speaking...

Mrs. Heidi Koeritz, Principal

- Attached to this newsletter is the up-dated and revised handbook policies regarding extracurricular eligibility and use of personal electronic devices. Please take the time to read them over WITH your children and add this page to the current handbook. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Koeritz.
- □ Thank you to all of the children for their beautiful message of God's love and salvation at our Advent Service. Thanks also to the PTL committee for organizing the great meal! Your help is much appreciated.

Kindergarten & 1st Notes:

Mrs. Heather Leiding

Please remember your *snow gear*. We will be playing outside unless it is below zero.

Our classroom Christmas Party will be on Tuesday Dec. 21st. We will have a gift exchange. The boys bring a boy gift and girls bring a girl gift. Your gift should be around \$5.00. Your child may bring their gift any time.

Things to practice at home:

- ⇒ K: Practice finding words with the beginning sound of /m/.
- ⇒ K: reviewing high-frequency words: I, see, my, like, a, to.
- ⇒ K: Practice counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's.
- ⇒ K: Practice reading the days of the week.
- ⇒ K: Practice tying your shoes :)
- ⇒ K: Alphabet journal and letter Mm homework is due tomorrow.
- ⇒ 1st: Unit 14 Spelling Test tomorrow.

- ⇒ 1st: Social test will be on Monday.
- ⇒ December reading logs are due on Dec. 21st.
- ⇒ Don't forget about your Timberwolves Reading Sheet—I've received one already!!

2nd, 3rd & 4th Grade Notes:

Mrs. Heidi Koeritz

- ⇒ We will be having our class Christmas party Tuesday, Dec. 21st. The boys should please bring a boy gift, and the girls and girl gift. Cost should aim for the \$5.00 mark. If anyone would like to donate juice boxes for our party, Mrs. K. would appreciate it. Just let me know.
- ⇒ The final book order has been submitted and the books should arrive before vacation begins. If not, I will contact those who ordered.
- ⇒ 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders will have a Chapter 5 Social Studies test on Monday, Dec. 20th.
- ⇒ Spelling test for Unit 16 is Friday, 12/17.
- No newsletter next week. We'll see you in 2011! May you and your family have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I pray that you take the opportunity to worship together during this time. God's blessings always!

5th & 6th Grade Notes:

Mrs. Cindy Wolter

- ⇔ Christmas info was sent home last week. Please let me know if you have any questions.
- □ There will be no newsletter next week. Enjoy your holiday season and take the opportunity to worship our Lord and Savior. THE REASON FOR THE SEA-SON!!!
- ⇒ U.S. HISTORY TEST—Chapter7 on Monday, 12/20. I do not like to give tests on Monday, but this one is unavoidable. Thank you for your support.



⇒ SPELLING tests will be the end of every week. Tomorrow is Unit 15 (12/17). Next week we will NOT have a Spelling Test.

7th & 8th Grade Notes:

Mr. Reid A. Otto

- ⇒ Please make sure to bring appropriate clothing to gym class; keep athletic shoes in your lockers and have a sweatshirt or mat for abdominal routines. BE PREPARED EVERY DAY!
- ⇒ Please focus on finding sources and incorporating them into your career papers. Maintain MLA format and create a bibliography page as well. Do not forget transitions, nor a bolded thesis statement.

The Sports Page

Heather Leiding, Athletic Director

☐ The Courtland game has been rescheduled for Jan. 31st. at Courtland. BG 4:00, BB 4:45, AG 5:30, AB 6:30.

December Schedule:

Dec. 17th: AT Immanuel Mankato

BG 4:30, BB 5:15, AG 6:00, AB 6:45.



Happy Birthday to:

Deacon Appel (12/21) Jameson Wolter (12/27) Anna Meyer (01/06) Kobe Mohwinkel (01/06) Immanuel Mankato is located at 421 North 2nd Street, Mankato. Take the Riverfront Dr. exit. Turn right onto South Riverfront Dr. Turn right at E. Spring St.—the school is on North 2nd Street.

PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGES ABOVE ... Immanuel has changed the starting times of our games with them.

Catechesis Rev. Robert C. Trueblood		
Tuesday	21:	Oral Exam Questions 157—162
		for memory;
Monday	03:	The Lord's Prayer Memory
Tuesday	04:	Oral Exam Questions 163—168
-		for memory;
Thursday	06:	Oral Exam Questions 169—174
		for memory
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ATHLETIC UNIFORM ETIQUETTE

- 1. Wash IMMEDIATELY after games in COLD water only
- 2. Do NOT place in the dryer...AIR DRY only.
- 3. Keep them HUNG up at all times...not wadded in a heap in your backpack or locker or bedroom floor.
- 4. Do NOT use metal hangars...only PLASTIC ones. If you need a plastic hangar ASK PASTOR..he has plenty for you to use.
- ONLY WEAR for games...not even TO school on game days but ONLY FOR THE GAME ITSELF.

Upcoming Events

↑↑ be sure to check the **Sports Page** above for athletic schedules ↑↑

Friday: 17 Basketball games at Immanuel-Mankato

Saturday: 18 MLHS Christmas Concert at Opera House

Sunday: 19 "Remember the Sabbath Day

Wednesday: 22 Christmas Break begins.

Classes resume January 3, 2011

Saturday: 25 Christmas Worship / Communion (8:30 AM)

Sunday: 26 ...by keeping it holy."

Adult Bible Class Serving Schedule

School families take turns providing the refreshments for Wednesday morning Bible class at St. James. The freewill offering that is received goes into the School Activity Fund to help pay for field trips etc.

12/22 Christmas Vacation no servers till

01/05 Doug & Michelle Larson

01/12 Kay Sandersfeld

01/19 Jordan & Jennifer Luhmann 01/26 Ismael & Elizabeth, Martinez

Why Do Questions Make Our Kids Think?

By Jim Fay

How can we make sure that our kids are doing their fair share of the thinking? How can we keep ourselves from getting pulled into working harder on their lives than they are? How can we help them become prepared for a world full of decisions and consequences?

Replace statements with questions.

Some of the most powerful moments come when we empower kids by asking them what they plan to do about various situations instead of telling them what they need to do. The implied message we send says, "You are smart. You can come up with the answer." Kids who are given this gift are far more likely to succeed in school and in life.

On top of that, the human brain has a hard time ignoring the questions it hears. It wants to search for the answers - it just can't help itself. What a gift we give kids when we get them to think versus telling them what to do.

A child who is redirected with the question, "Are you sure this is the

right place for that behavior?" will respond much better than the child who is told, "Stop that!" One method invites thinking; the other invites resistance and battles for control. Which do you prefer?

In either case, we are enticing young brains to do lots of thinking by simply asking questions rather than stating "how it is." So, do your kids' brains a favor and feed them a steady diet of questions. Won't it be fun to see the smoke start rolling out of their ears?