



Upcoming Events

- No PTO meeting this month
- December 4th Home Basketball Game 5pm
- December 6th Away Basketball Game at St. Thomas 5pm
- December 21 6pm Children's Christmas Service
- December 22 9am Children's Christmas Service
- December 25 - January 1 No School
- January 2 Return to School

News & Notes

Christmas for Kids Kids 3-10 can join us at Trinity Lutheran School for Christmas activities, Bible stories, and snacks Saturday, December 9th, 9am-12pm. Please register at www.trinitymarinette.com Older kids and adults can also participate by volunteering as crew leaders, running activities, or helping with snacks. Please contact Jenny Schmiede at 262-327-4253 or Kat Ehlers at 989-326-0396 if interested in volunteering.

Christmas Services: Trinity Lutheran Church will have a Candlelight Service December 24th at 7pm and a church service December 25th at 10am. The Children's Christmas services will be December 21 at 6pm and December 22 at 9am.

Please consider using SCRIP this Christmas season as the proceeds go directly into Trinity's scholarship fund. If you have any questions about it, feel free to contact Mrs. McMahon in the school office. Remember, using online gift cards is also an option.

Preschool

Thanksgiving was a big theme in Preschool last month! We learned some thankful songs, including "Give Thanks," which we sang both for church and also for our Thanksgiving Event with Mrs. Schmiede's K-1 class! It was wonderful to get to know some of the big kids who may be our classmates next year! It was also great to eat with them and give thanks to our amazing God with them! God gives us so very much, including eternal life in heaven.

We read some great books this month, including "There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie!" This silly Thanksgiving themed book was a favorite! We also are seeing some book writing and storytelling in our classroom. Book writing in Preschool looks a little different, with more pictures and less letters, but it is a very important first step for our little authors!



Classroom Snapshots

K/1

In reading we learned about turkeys, and we created our own Tom the Turkey project. The goal was to use a paper print out of Tom the Turkey and disguise him so that he would not be eaten for Thanksgiving dinner. The students were very creative and came up with amazing disguises. Tom the Turkey was definitely safe this year!

We also learned about the pilgrims and their voyage. Preschool-first grade welcomed John Helfert as a guest speaker on Tuesday, November 21. John teaches Native American history at the Menominee Chapee-Webber Learning Center. He came dressed in traditional Native American clothing and taught us some words in Cherokee as well as the history of the first Thanksgiving. We re-created the first Thanksgiving; preschoolers dressed as the Pilgrims, and K-1 dressed as Native Americans.



2nd, 3rd, & 4th Grade



November was filled with fun and learning! Everyone laughed frequently while learning their P.E. line dances. The students were filled with joy and smiled from ear to ear as they read Thanksgiving letters from you. We had a wonderful feast while we listened to John Helfert talk about the local Native Americans. The 2nd graders loved their book *Good Night, Good Knight* and the 3rd and 4th graders were happy that *Shiloh* had a happy ending.

For our morning devotions, we started a *Jesse Tree* calendar to countdown the days until we celebrate Christ's coming. The students color a picture while we listen to a Bible account that tells us about Old Testament promises that were given to Jesus' ancestors. Then we hang an ornament on our calendar. We are learning our parts for the Christmas service. The children are filled with joy as they sing about the coming Savior!

5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th

Before Thanksgiving, the upper grade students began writing a November-themed story that contained a problem and a resolution. They are eager to share their creative stories with the class this week after they complete their English unit test on either adjectives (5-6) or verbs (7-8). The changes done to teach math have proven effective; students' math grades have improved. In reading, the 7th and 8th graders have started a literature circle to discuss *The Slave Dancer*. The 5th and 6th graders have been learning vocabulary while reading *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*. In science class, students have been making presentations called "jigsaws" that they use to present an assigned section of the text to the class.



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