

First St. John Lutheran Day School

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Day School Digest



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National Lutheran Schools Week is celebrated across the country by over 1,400 Evangelical Lutheran Church of America congregations which operate elementary and secondary schools and early childhood education programs. These schools provide education and nurture over 150,000 children. These children will be a part of the next generation of faithful Christians in America. We want our future leaders to be raised up, knowing their Lord and Savior; caring individuals, concerned about the welfare of others.

Our theme this year is "This Changes Everything." God created us and has never left us alone. People have turned away from God and followed their own hearts down many different paths. God intervened in our world and called us back to Him. He showed us grace and love by sending Jesus into our world to die for us while we were still deep in our sinful lives. Jesus changed everything – we are now children of God, saved by His blood on the cross. Things in this world change but God's love for us has never changed. As I continue to study God's Word, I see things I did not understand when I was younger. Now, after years of experiences, I look at things differently and realize I still have a lot to learn. It is like finishing college when we think we know all the answers...and then life happens!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR PASTOR RAYL

There will be an installation service for Pastor Rayl on Sunday, March 3rd at 3:00 pm here at First St. John Lutheran Church. Pastor Kent Wilson from the Synod will preside. Everyone is invited to attend this special service.

OPEN HOUSE

First St. John Day School will host an Open House on Tuesday, March 5th from 6-7:30 pm. This is an opportunity for current families and prospective families to meet the teachers and see the classrooms. Enrollment is open to everyone.

FLAPJACK BREAKFAST

Fundraiser at Applebee's (Northwood location) on March 9 from 8-10 am. The children will enjoy being served breakfast by their teacher!



Time to Enroll in our Fall Program to receive the Discounted Registration Fee, before it ends on March 31.

Walk-a-thon Winners!

Our Walk-a-thon was a hit with the children! Most children ran instead of walked, for about 12 minutes. The most laps were completed by Naomi Cousino, who ran around the gym 33 times. I really did not want to wear the children out as I wanted them to enjoy the games. Most would have just had fun with the games, but the prizes were a bonus! The big prizes will be given out when all the money has been collected. This money will all be used to purchase new toys and equipment for the gym as all expenses were covered by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.



National Lutheran Schools Week

We kick off the week with the children singing in church on Sunday, March 3. Check out the attached flyer about the special dress-up days during the week. The children really enjoy coming to school dressed in special clothes or costumes! We try to make the clothing possibilities easy so the children don't feel left out because they don't have the suggested attire.

We will finish the week at Applebee's (Northwood location near Meijer's) on Saturday morning from 8-10 a.m. for an all you can eat pancake breakfast. The cost is \$8 which includes pancakes, 2 slices of bacon and juice, milk, or coffee. Come for fellowship and be served by the staff of First St. John Day School!

Summer Program

As we all look ahead and make plans for childcare, our current program ends May 24. Our Summer Program will run from May 29 to August 2 for children ages 3-10. Our program will include different activities for the age groups. We will bring in some programs for the younger children, with more field trips for the school age children. Additional fees will be charged for some of the off campus activities. Registration Forms are now available. And for those really planning ahead, all school programs will close between August 5-13 to allow us to clean floors and rearrange rooms for the new school year. You may want to plan your vacation accordingly.



Fall Registration for FSJ Day School

Fall registration for the Day School for the 2019-2020 school year has begun. Classes are available for 3 and 4 year-old children, with a variety of options. We are starting a "Beginnergarten Class." This class will be for children who will be turning 5 in July, August or September and are not really ready for a traditional kindergarten program. Extended Care is available for all children. Our early Registration Fee is only \$100 (before March 30). Attend the Open House on March 5th or call the Day School at 419-691-6480 for more information.

Beginnergarten

Our Beginnergarten program is designed to meet the needs of children who have been through two years of preschool and are simply not ready to jump into kindergarten. Our goal will be to educate our students, starting where they are and moving them toward success in all areas of learning. The program will run five days a week from 9-3. This program is for children who may have just missed the cut off date to begin kindergarten or will be turning 5 years old before November 1, or with a recommendation from one of the prekindergarten teachers.

This program will give the children an extra year of emotional and social growth, as well as acquiring additional academic skills to be successful when they enter their local public kindergarten. For all students, the program will equip them to excel in grade school and beyond. An added benefit will be the option of onsite before and after school child care. Call the Day School at 419-691-6480 if you would like more information.



Referral Program!

The School Board has learned that families of First St John Day School are our best form of advertising. The Board has decided they would invest their advertising dollars in our school families. If you refer a family and they register their child and attend for four months, you will receive a \$50 credit on your December payment - just in time for the Christmas holiday! Families with children in our 4 year-old program, you don't need to feel left out. You can refer a family; if they register and attend, you can receive \$50 just in time for the holidays too!

Miss Michelle's Class News

At the beginning of March our dinosaur theme will continue to roar on! The children have really enjoyed being amateur paleontologists. They will be learning the difference between carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores. The children will also be engaging in several dinosaur experiments this month. At the conclusion of our dinosaur theme, the children will be learning about transportation and community helpers. Our dramatic play area will turn into a travel agency and the children will be able to play at the train table and with many other modes of transportation.



Miss Dawn's Class News

The month of March will be a fun and busy month with lots of Science.

Some of our experiments will include an egg drop experiment and submarine plastic eggs! Our dramatic play has been transformed into the Imagination Station equipped with a train table, light table, and Lego table. Since we celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday in March we will also include many of his books as part of our daily readings. Stop and pick up a few at the library and read them at home too. This is great way to practice rhyming words!

Miss Jennifer's Class News

Hopefully March will come in like a Lamb, instead of all this roaring like a lion, and keep that warm weather coming so we can enjoy the outside! We will be winding down our Circus theme; then moving on to the wonder of Spring and spring house cleaning. The dress-up area will be set up with the housekeeping appliances and equipment so the children can clean and prepare for spring. As we prepare for spring we will talk about the changes we see outside, including seeds, weather and bugs! Looking forward to a great month!



Miss Bonnie's Class News

Many things come to mind when we approach the month of March, but my favorite is the beloved author Dr. Seuss. (Theodor Seuss Geisel) Therefore we will celebrate his birthday throughout the month with many "Seussical" activities. I like to welcome Dr. Seuss and his fun filled books to our carpet, library and science centers. Reading books aloud and playing with language help create reading literacy skills. Dr. Seuss books are great for reading aloud and keeping open ended sentences to allow the children join in to help finish the sentence. Not only is there a lot we can learn from Dr. Seuss and his stories, but his books and illustrations are a great tool in introducing rhyming and sight words. Hearing rhymes help the little ones develop an ear for words with similar sounds. We are going to build on the fun whimsy of Dr. Seuss with STEAM science activities. It's always fun to pair a great book with a fun science experiment.