

Gloria Dei Lutheran School

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Principal's Corner

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season, and that everyone is refreshed and ready to begin anew.

December was a very busy month for us here at Gloria Dei with our students working so diligently on their songs and/or speaking parts for the various Christmas programs. Thank you to all of the families, who

were in attendance for these festivities, and also to the staff members and students that worked so hard to pull it off! It was wonderful.

Our basketball season has now begun for students from K-7th grade, and will continue until February 5th. If your child should be in-



terested, but you have not yet registered him or her to play, it is not too late! Simply contact the school office for more details.

Childcare Tax Statements for 2010 will be available next to your child's sign in sheets beginning January 17th.

From Ms. Ute's Desk

We are busy preparing for our newest service. You might have seen the new doors downstairs that will lead into the infant room. The next step is building a wall across the room to separate the babies from the bigger

children. Please remember that we are still in need of crib sheets, cloth diapers, bouncy seat, rocking chair, high chair, infant toys. We can accept them anytime now. Thank you for your support.





Ms. Susie's News

*Science Fair
coming up
on
February 18th*

I hope each of our school families had a warm and wonderful Christmas. May the New Year bring you new & happy adventures; with a preschooler in the house that is bound to

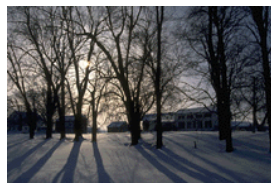
happen First I would like to say many of you brought the staff delicious treats, gift cards and special holiday gifts. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated; a big Thank you from all of us. For the month of January the

children will be learning the letter Ww, the color will be White, shape will be Oval. The topics for the month will be, Polar Bears, Dressing Warm for winter, Snow Flakes and Snow, and Dinosaurs.

Ms. Debi's News

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday. I always look forward to a new year and coming back to school.

I would like to thank all families that helped with our Jesus Celebration, and for all of your generosity.

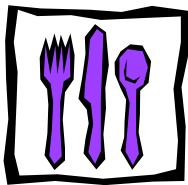


Our room has many new toys now, which we all appreciate.

During the first week of January, I will be doing assessments in the classroom. After a long break, it will be nice to get back to a routine and to see what

the children remember! The rest of the month we will be discussing the areas of Winter, Winter Animals, and Nursery Rhymes. Our letters for the month will Ww, Hh, and Bb. .

Inside Story Headline



The Facts on Healthy Snacks

Does snacking means crunching chips, munching marshmallows, or chowing down on cookies? Lots of people think snacking mean foods that aren't nutritious but

eating healthy snacks gives you the energy and the nutrients you need. An orange will give you quick energy now. A pile of potato chips, on the other hand, contains lots of calories and fat, something that most kids don't need a lot of. Some foods, such as whole-grain foods, also

will help you feel more full for longer. So a whole-grain muffin will stick with you longer than a candy bar. It's also easy to overeat candy or chips and they contain a lot of calories. That's not to say you can't have a candy bar or chips once in a while, if you like them. But try to make your regular snacks more nutritious. If you're feeling mildly hungry, maybe a piece of fruit will do the trick. But if you're feeling hungry at snack time, and dinner is still a long way off, try a pita stuffed with veggies, cereal with milk, oatmeal, or an English muffin pizza.

2nd and 3rd Grade News

When I think of January I think of Isaiah 1:18, which states, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." It tells me that although I am a sinner, through Jesus my sins will be whipped away. I am praying, however, that we have had all the snow we need for this year or at least it only happens when there is no school. I hate missing school.

In religion this month we will be rejoices with the wise men, when they make it to Bethlehem to see the Christ child. We will also be learning how God took care of his people in the Old Testament times.

In math we will be growing in our knowledge, skills and strategies. The second grade will be working with money. The third grade will continue to work on multiplication facts and skills. Second grade will continue to work with timed tests on addition, subtraction and multiplication. All third graders will be taking timed tests on multiplication facts.

In reading we continue to improve strategies, skills and comparing words and stories.

Second grade is reading a group of stories called, "Imagine That." Third grade will be reading a theme of stories called, "Tell Me a Story,"

In social studies we are starting a unit about people who lived long ago. We also continue to learn the location and capitals of the states in the United States. In science we are studying earth science.

4th–7th Grade News

Religion we will continue our exploration of God's grace at the time of Israel's kings.

Reading we will be looking at a collection of stories analyzing the characters, analyze conflict, moral lessons, climax, and suspense. Literature circle activities are going strong each Friday. Accelerated Reader program each students is required to read books totaling 6 points or more each month. Each student's



reading needs are met by working with higher and lower level thinking skills.

Mathematic:

- Grade 4 Writing the product of a multi-digit factors multiplied by multi-digit factors
- Grade 5 Identifying common factors and multiples of numbers.
- Grade 6 Displaying and analyzing data on various types of graphs.
- Pre-Algebra Finding perimeter, circumference, and area of polygons and circles.

Science we will be studying Physical Science looking at Atoms and Elements.

Watch for information coming home about this year's Science Fair.

Social Studies we will be studying about how our United States formed its government.

Language/grammar we will be working with the parts of speech and how they help us in writing creatively.

PE we will with our practice of building our skills in basketball and rhythmic activities.

Music we have music we are singing and playing our instruments to a variety of songs identifying the dynamics for balance, expression, and good tone quality.



January Dates

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Thankfulness to
Christ*

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Awesome God*

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- January 4th- Basketball practice 6 pm-7 pm
January 6th- Adult Volleyball 6:30 pm Everyone welcome
January 8th- Basketball game 10 am
January 11th PTL Meeting 6 pm
Basketball 6 pm- 7 pm
January 13th Adult Volleyball 6:30 pm Everyone welcome
January 15th Basketball game 10 am
January 17th- School is in session
January 18th Basketball practice 6 pm- 7 pm
January 20th Ronald McDonald 10 am
Adult Volleyball 6:30 pm Everyone welcome
January 22nd- Basketball game 10 am
January 25th- Basketball practice 6 pm
January 27th- Adult Volleyball 6:30 pm Everyone welcome
January 28th- Superbowl Spirit Day
Pajama/Winterfest 6:30 pm
January 29th- Basketball Game 10 am

Other News

School will be in session on January 17th , Martin Luther King Jr. Day. For the most part, we try to follow Hardin County Schools schedule. However, they use random days for Professional Development. We have a two week spring break from Thursday, March 24th to Friday, April 8th. Therefore to meet our obligation of 177 school days we need to be in session.

Chapel Offering

For January we will be helping Clarity Solutions for Woman. They offer support to woman who find themselves with an unplanned pregnancy. The following items are needed:

- Six 1 and 2 diapers
- Bibs
- Pacifiers
- Burp Clothes
- Newborn socks
- Wash clothes
- Baby towels
- Receiving blankets
- Boppy pillows
- Pack and Plays
- Infant car seats
- Onesies
- Crib Sheets
- Newborn, 3 mo. 6 mo 9 mo outfits
- Baby gates
- Bouncy seats
- High chairs
- Prenatal vitamins