



## FIRST GRADE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday, December 1, 2017

Dear Parents,

I hope and pray that everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving! It is hard to believe that Christmas is only 3 weeks away! We are busy getting ready for this wonderful celebration of Jesus' birth! The children are working hard on the songs and their part for the program. **The Christmas Program is Monday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the church.** Please let me know if your child cannot attend our Christmas program. I would like to have a gift exchange, in the classroom, on the last day before Christmas break which is December 21st. I would like each child to bring in a gift. If your child is a girl, please bring in a gift for a girl. If your child is a boy, please have your child bring a gift in for a boy. Please keep the gift to a \$8-\$10 limit. We will exchange our gifts during our Christmas party on December 21st. Your child may bring their gift in and put it under the tree at any time. I know that this is a busy time of year so please watch for special events that will be listed in the Cougar Newsletter. We do try and get the children outside everyday- weather permitting- for recess. Please remember to have your child bring a warm coat, gloves and a hat. Boots and snowpants will be needed whenever we get snow. Your child's 2<sup>nd</sup> mid-quarter report is attached to this newsletter. Have a great weekend and remember the Cougar Classic basketball tournament is going on this weekend at Lutheran High School. Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be playing and cheering at this tournament. You can look up the times of the different games on our school website under the athletics page. Thanks! Go Cougars!

In Christ,  
Mrs. Naegeli

**RELIGION:** God saves His people from their enemies and blesses us with what we need most, salvation. We read about two people whom God chose to be leaders: Jehoshaphat and Esther. They were both very brave and knew that God was with them just like He is with us every day! Thank you so much for working hard on the students speaking parts. They are doing a great job!

**READING:** Our stories this week were: *At Home in the Ocean, Water, Seth and Beth, Zeb Yak, and The Duck Nest.* Our high-frequency words were: blue, cold, far, little, live, their, water, where. We learned how to blend and decode words with the digraph "th". We learned that informational text gives us facts about a topic. We learned how to identify and use proper nouns for people, places and animals. We learned how to decode words with endings such as *s, es, ed, ing.*

**MATH:** We began chapter 5 this week. Please see the attached letter that explains what we will learn. We solved addition and subtraction word problems by using the strategy, *make a model.* We learned about fact families or related facts.

**SCIENCE:** We began a new chapter called *Matter Everywhere.* The vocabulary words for this chapter are: matter, solid, liquid, gas, mass, and balance. We learned that matter is what all things are made of. We learned that mass is how much matter is in an object. A balance can help us measure mass. We also learned that a solid does not change its shape when it is moved.

**ART:** We made beautiful Christmas trees this week. They are hanging above our cubbies. We painted our mishoons or canoes that we created out of clay before Thanksgiving.

*A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD*

*"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1*