

Dubuque Lutheran School Doings

February 14, 2007

Valentine's Day gives us the opportunity to share love with others...because of the love Jesus shares with us. "We love, because He first loved us." The students will be making cards for people who are shut in because of illness or other problems. Pastor Cearlock will take these messages of love to them. "He cares for you" from 1Peter 5:7. We can be the messengers of that care.



This issue of the Doings is a day later than usual due to the Snow Days this week. Watch for the make up days to be announced.

From Mrs. Schubert's Class

Valentine cards should be delivered by now into the special box the students decorated. It was fun to be the "mail deliverer." Treats will be shared today and the Valentines will be opened and read. Thanks for your contributions to our celebration.

This week the class will be working in math stations, to discover combinations for numbers. They begin with just 3 objects, but the number will increase each time until we reach the combinations for 10. This is another way to learn the math facts so necessary to progress quickly in math skills. Ask your child which station they are looking forward to doing again. After they reach the combinations for 10, they will begin to record their findings on paper. Watch for this work.

The /ox/ word family will be our focus this week, along with the books about animals and their habitats.

Friends are so important to us, and that was true for the people Jesus ministered to. This week the story of the friends who lowered a man through the roof will be shared. The friends wanted their friend to see Jesus, knowing that He could help. And Jesus first forgave the man his sins, and then told him to get up and walk. What if the friends did not care enough to get the man to Jesus? The man's body was healed, but, more importantly, his sins were forgiven.

We will pray that we can share Jesus' love with our friends.



February book club orders are due Tuesday, February 20. Thanks for keeping your children challenged as they progress in their reading skills.

This week all students will be writing an invitation for friends and extended family to attend and support the Silent Auction on March 4th. We are asking families to supply the names of some people to whom to address these invitations. The students will complete the invitation and an envelope. We are asking that each family mail or send this invitation to people who are interested in the success of our school and could support the fundraising goal of our auction. This support could be with a donation, an item to donate to be auctioned and/or participation in the auction on March 4th. Please send a list of people you would like your student to invite to help the success of the auction.

Child care will be provided in the school building during the auction and the auction itself will be held in the Kennedy school gym. Hors d'oeuvres will be served during the auction and all bidding will be completed at 7:00 p.m.

National Lutheran Schools Week begins for Dubuque Lutheran School with the Silent Auction. The schedule for the week is below. If you can help in any way, please talk with a teacher.

Sunday, March 4

Sing at Our Redeemer's 10:30 am service
Auction is from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at Kennedy School

Monday, March 5

Bible Character Dress Up Day for students

Tuesday, March 6

Field Trip - Play in Platteville, WI (Drivers needed)

Wednesday, March 7

Open Classrooms - Dress Up Day

Thursday, March 8

Field Trip - Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium

Friday, March 9

Special Friend Day with Crazy Hat Day
(Chapel will be advertised as open to all; visits and luncheon will be by invitation only...students can invite two adults) Chapel is at 9:00 am and the Luncheon needs to be prepared by volunteers

Sunday, March 11

Sing at St. Paul's 9:00 am service

From Mrs. Kasemeier's Class

This week the students will read about a woman who prays for her daughter and about ten men with leprosy. Everyone has troubles. No matter what the trouble is, calling to God is always right. When we tell Jesus about our troubles, He listens. He answers our prayers in the way and at the time that is best. Jesus gives us many things – even without our asking for them. When He answers our prayers, we can tell Him thank you that He forgives our sins, gives us eternal life and blesses us each day.

In math, the first graders will be adding 10 to numbers, ordering numbers to 100 and counting by 100's. *Each of them should bring in 100 items in a ziploc bag (cereal, noodles, etc).* The second graders will continue to work on subtracting two-digit numbers with regrouping. Please help your child with their math facts. As the year progresses, they are needing to learn more facts and we want each to be able to recall the facts quickly and accurately. In reading, the first graders will work on the long vowel /e/ e, ee, ea and discuss how to alphabetize. The second graders will work more on comparing words, antonyms and make connections to science.

Please remember to have your child read each day and continue to fill out the February Book-It calendar. Thanks for all of your support.

Sharing the love of Jesus,
Mrs. Kasemeier

From Miss Klinge's Class

This week, we will learn about David's forgiveness toward Saul. Even though David had to run because Saul was trying to harm him, he wanted to be reconciled to Saul. When David was king, he showed kindness to Saul's grandson Mephibosheth and provided for him. Since we are learning about David, we are memorizing the 23rd Psalm. "The Lord is my Shepherd..." We can be so thankful! God takes care of us just as a shepherd provides for his helpless sheep.



Today is Valentine's Day. We will celebrate by exchanging Valentines and making cookies.

Our DLS Spelling Bee will be this Friday during school. We have been holding mock spelling bees the past couple weeks, and the students know the procedures. From their accurate spelling, I'm expecting to have quite a few rounds on Friday. Those who go on will get to take part in the district spelling bee in Cedar Falls on March 3.

Third grade will be estimating and measuring distances and learning more about multiplication by using arrays. They are reading the story "Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears" and will learn about onomatopoeia. You can have fun thinking of these at home too.

In science, fourth and fifth grade will learn about the three different kinds of rocks and how they are formed. We will classify the rocks they have brought in from home.

In social studies, third, fourth and fifth grade will learn about the Industrial Revolution. What an exciting time! There were many inventions made that we can learn about.

Scholastic Book orders were sent home today. They will be due on Tuesday, February 20. Please pay by check made payable to Scholastic.

In Christ's love,
Miss Klinge

Check In On Health Classes—

February is a short month stuffed with many celebrations. Presidents Day, Valentines, Dental Health Month, Heart Health, Potatoes Day, Friends Day and many more. This year we celebrated Dental Health in January in order to make time for a featured unit on the HEART.

In **DENTAL health** we discussed the three jobs of our teeth, our responsibility in caring for them, their structure, what causes cavities and nutritional connections. For two weeks, the 1st and 2nd graders practiced tooth brushing after lunch and the 3rd-5th grades continue to practice flossing. Thank you for your continued support of positive dental practices at home.

Parents, I hope you had a chance to view our kinesthetic teaching of the **CIRCULATORY SYSTEM** with the huge **STATIONS OF THE HEART ADVENTURE CHALLENGE COURSE** in Fellowship Hall. We studied the heart for two weeks prior to using the unit from February 8 to Feb. 14. The students studied the heart anatomy, function and blood flow. I even dissected a cow's heart in the 3rd to 5th grade. They all successfully made it through the activity and could hardly wait to touch the heart muscle and valves—with rubber gloves of course. Then we discussed how to keep our circulatory system healthy through regular **AEROBIC EXERCISE, GOOD NUTRITION** and **NOT SMOKING**. The upper grades monitored the change in heart rate (their pulse) from resting to aerobic exercise. Nutritional instruction included choosing healthy snacks, restricting fat and sugar intake, and avoiding saturated and trans-fats. The effects of smoking and second hand smoke as well as saying **NO** to smoking were discussed.

The Heart Adventure Challenge Course is a kinesthetic teaching of the anatomy and functions of the circulatory system that helps develop coordination, upper and lower body strength, mental and physical development, cooperation and socialization. The students enjoyed traveling through the heart on scooters, hopping and jumping while carrying their blue balls (oxygen poor blood) or red balls (oxygen rich blood). Check out the school web site for pictures of your students in action. Mrs. Posey, School Nurse

Next week begins the season of Lent, on Ash Wednesday. This season of the church year provides a time for our reflection on our own sin and unworthiness. These are not pleasant and uplifting ideas, but it is so necessary to see the need for our Savior. What joy we look forward to in celebrating Easter! Christ took all our sin to the cross, paid our redemption and He died. And we know the joyful news of Resurrection morning! He is alive forevermore! All praise, honor and glory be to the Lamb of God.

In the love of Jesus,

Mrs. Schubert