



Zion Lutheran School

Ablaze to Share God's Love
December 20, 2011 – January 4, 2012



Tues., Dec. 20	Wed., Dec. 21	Thurs., Dec. 22	Friday, Dec. 23	Sat., Dec. 24	Sun., Dec. 25	Mon., Dec. 26
1 st -2 nd to Montgomery Place, 10:00 am	Chapel, 8:15 2:45 dismissal Practice for Christmas Eve Service, 1:30-2:30 Advent Dinner, 5:30-6:45 Advent Service, 7pm			Children's Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 pm Candlelight Service, 11:00 pm	Merry Christmas! Church, 10:30	
Christmas Break – School resumes Wednesday, January 4						

January Verse: "And with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the Gospel of peace." Ephesians 6:15

Tuition will not increase for the 2012-13 school year.

On Sunday the Board of Education-School presented a request to the Zion Lutheran Church Voters' Assembly requesting a freeze on tuition increases for the 2012-13 school year. The Voters' supported this request. Re-enrollment information will be available at the end of January.

Children's Christmas Eve Service

Please have your child in the church basement at 6:45 pm. **Students wearing costumes – 6:30pm.** Preschool students will sing at the beginning of the service and then be excused to enjoy the rest of the service with their parents.

Worship Opportunities for The Christmas Season

Advent Service – Wednesday, Dec. 21, 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Children's Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 p.m.

Candlelight Service, 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Service, 10:30 a.m.

New Year's Eve Service, 7:00 p.m.

Coins for Classrooms

Bottles have been turned in by preschool,



kindergarten, and 1st & 2nd grade students. Keep collecting loose change! *The classroom that raises the most money per child will be rewarded with a pizza party!*

Second Quarter Chapel Offerings

Second quarter chapel offerings will go to Martin Luther Lutheran School in Joplin to assist tornado victims. Collections to this date total \$122.24. We have one more chapel service in this quarter.

Lost and Found

The lost and found container in the school office is full! There are several coats and jackets. Please encourage your child to look for his/her items. **Unclaimed clothing will be donated during Christmas break.**

May God bless you and your families this Christmas Season.



The Teachers and Staff of Zion Lutheran School

Mrs. Oldenettel, Mrs. Fienen, Mrs. Gartner, Mrs. Pasternak, Mr. Camacho, Ms. Bredehoft, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Clubine,

Miss Pereboom, Miss Schleifer, Mrs. Bolte, Mrs. Haltom, Mr. and Mrs. Bryant, and Pastor Naumann

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January Classroom News

Preschool

Happy New Year, Everyone! We are ready to learn about our five senses and will be making wonderful gingerbread items to sample. We will also have fun memorizing some nursery rhymes and learning about the animals that live where it is very cold. We are about half way in making our alphabet book and will be studying letters O, P, Q, R, and S. The Bible stories for this month include: Jesus Grows Up, Jesus Friends Follow Him, Jesus Feeds 5,000 People, The Good Samaritan, and The Baptism of Jesus.

Kindergarten

What a wondrous Christmas Season!! It is a joy to serve at Zion Lutheran School where we can so freely celebrate the birth of our Savior, and with the help of the Zion Lutheran Church, we can share the news with our students and spread the word of His birth throughout our community. We are blessed to be part of a school that focuses on our one and only God. Kindergarten wants to extend a Thank You to all who make it possible for the school to function, and due to the dedication of the school families to support the school as well, we say, "THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!!!"

Now to looking ahead to the New Year and what is in store for the kindergarten class. The students have come so far, but we are not done. We will continue to work with the letters – sounding & blending them together to read, working with numbers – counting & manipulating them for everyday problems and continue to work on self-control. But there will be a larger focus on the life science area. We plan on getting our hands dirty (literally) and working to know the scientific method of solving problems. We will be scientists. There are a few field trips planned to help us explore the community around us here in Independence Ks.

Kindergarten students found that working with chapel buddies was fun. For the new year, we will trade and get new buddies and continue to have special activities to work on from time to time. So until we return to buckle in and finish out the school year we want to WISH ALL OF YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

1st & 2nd Grade

It is hard to believe but another year will be underway with many exciting things to learn and do. First and Second grades will be learning the life of Jesus. They will be learning the Apostles' Creed a little more each week.

First grade has already learned all the short vowel words and will be working hard on learning the different

spellings for the long vowel words. They have read more than 70 readers. Second grade will be finishing up on their first big reader and will be working on their second one. They really enjoyed putting on a short reader's play about Johnny Appleseed for the Kindergarten class.

In math first grade is working hard on learning their subtraction facts from 0-10. Second graders are working to learn their subtraction facts in the teens. They are also learning how to carry over in addition.

We are working on learning about landforms in Social Studies and also some history this month. We will also have fun learning about extinct or prehistoric animals in science this month. We also plan to learn more about Kansas and its history.

January birthday greetings go out to Sydnee Clubine who is turning 8.

May God bless and keep you in the New Year.

3rd & 4th Grade

With December gone, we are looking forward to the New Year. We will be starting the New Year with a new book report over a nonfiction book. In Math, 4th grade will be working with division and 3rd grade will be continuing their work on multiplication. We will also have our very first Multiplication Banana Split Party, so the students will be continuing to work hard to earn their toppings. In 3rd and 4th grade we will also be introducing a new Social Studies chapter about the different jobs that people do in the community. January reminds us of New Year's resolutions, so class New Year's resolutions are just around the corner. What an exciting month.

Miss Pereboom's Classes

Highlights for the upcoming month of January include:

5/6 Reading/Language Arts – We will continue to practice spelling and grammar. In writing, we will work on persuasive writing.

5/6 Religion – This month will be spent reading Galatians and Ephesians.

5/6 Social Studies – We will spend time learning about ancient civilizations, especially the Greek and Roman civilizations.

7/8 Reading/Language Arts – We will continue to practice spelling and grammar. In writing, we will work on persuasive writing.

*Brush up on those geography skills! The Geography Bee is January 19th!

Miss Schleifer's Classes

The most exciting thing happening in the 7 and 8 grade classroom in the month of January is beginning discussions about where we will be going for our class trip!

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$\frac{7}{8}$ Science - In science in January we will still be learning about environmental science. In December the kids showed their creative through the building of the biomes. They can look forward to more projects like this in the month to come.

$\frac{7}{8}$ Math - Some of the highlights of Algebra $\frac{1}{2}$ for January are more work with rates and proportions and more work with positive and negative numbers. Some of the highlights of Algebra I for January are further work with variables and more graphing.

$\frac{7}{8}$ Geography - In geography we are still learning about different parts of Asia. In January we will be in central Asia and focus on places like Israel, Palestine, Iraq, and Afghanistan which are rich in history and current events.

$\frac{5}{8}$ Math - Much of the focus of this year's math class has been fractions and the kids are excelling! We will continue working on fractions and other topics this month.

$\frac{5}{8}$ Science - In December we finished our work on the Solar System (hopefully you saw their brochures about space travel!). In January we will be starting work on a unit about Energy and Force.

**School resumes Wednesday,
January 4, 2012.**