

NEWSLETTER

Grow in Grace | But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ | 2 Peter 3:18

Friday - 9

Back-to-School BBQ - 5:30

Saturday - 10

Michigan vs Central Florida 11:00

Sunday - 11

Church 9:00

Coffee Hour 10:00

Sunday School/Bible Study - 10:30

Monday - 12

1st Day of Preschool

Tuesday - 13

Volleyball @ Salem, Greenfield - 4:30

Soccer @ Cross of Christ - 4:30

Wednesday - 14

Hot Lunch: Hot Dog, Baked Beans,
Chips, Fruit, Dessert

Thursday - 15

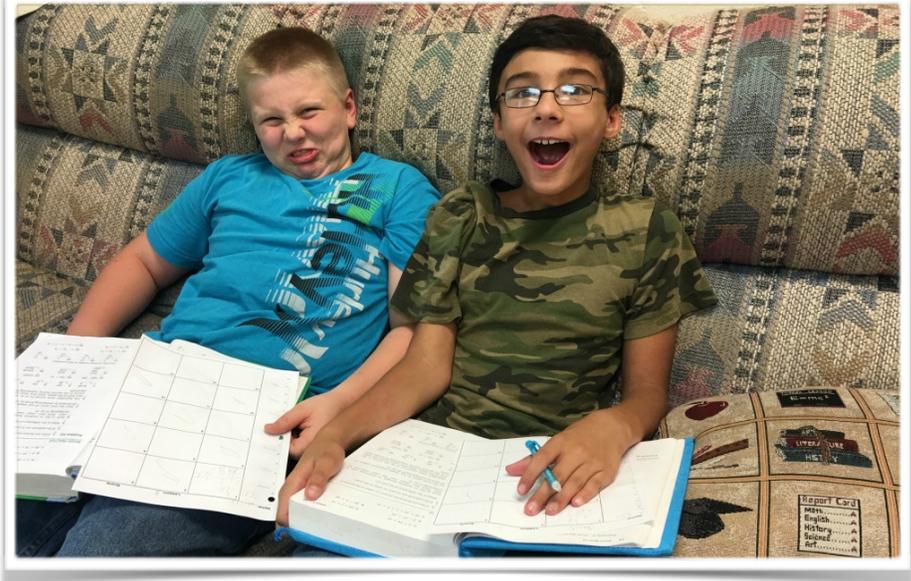
1 John 4:10

Volleyball vs. KOG - 4:30

Soccer vs. KOG - 5:30

Friday - 16

Hot Lunch: Walking Taco's, Fixings,
Fruit, Dessert



News and Updates

Welcome back to the 2016/17 school year! The year is completely planned out. I already told the kids they are going to be pushed hard this year. It is going to be a lot of work but I've given them all the tools they need to be successful. It's up to them to make the best of this year! So far they have eagerly accepted the challenge and are working hard to get their routines and organization skills down. I've been very impressed with their willingness to work hard and do things the right way. I pray that it continues throughout the year. I think we're all glad to be back into a regular routine once again.

Religion: In our two Christlight lessons this week, we discussed the birth of John the Baptist and Mary learning she would give birth to the Son of God. In Faith Foundations, which is a pre-Catechism class, we discussed why the Bible is our most important book using passages from scripture.

English: At the beginning of each school year, I like to give the students a pretest to see what information they have retained (or lost) over Summer. I typically get "Duh! I knew that!", as soon as I tell them the answers. This year was different. They really knew their stuff! I came away very impressed with what they retained over the summer!



Reminders...

- School kickoff BBQ is at Trinity this Friday. Buns/meat will be provided by PTO. Please bring a dish to share, drinks for your family, and chairs or blankets to sit on. If you have a lawn game that you'd like to play, bring it along too!
- PreK-8 sings on September 18.
- Please look over your child's planner every night.
- Outdoor Education Day (5th Grade) - On September 22, the 5th graders will head to Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park for some outdoor learning. They completely restructured the event this year (new venue, different schedule, new activities). It will also last longer than in past years. We will arrive around 9:30 and leave around 1:20. This means we will need to pack a cold lunch. It should be an exciting learning experience!
- A copy of the newsletter will be sent to your email each week. You can also download a copy from the school website: <https://sites.google.com/site/mrkorthsclassroom/home>
- Student Teacher: We will be getting a student teacher from MLC this Winter. I don't know exactly when he/she is coming or who it will be but the kids are excited to have one! It should be a great experience for all of us!
- Enjoy the weekend and make sure your child is well rested for week #2!

Reading: The first story we are reading this year is titled: *Maniac Magee* - by Jerry Spinelli. Each day the kids have asked me to keep reading at the end of class. I'm glad they are enjoying the book so much! Along with the book, we are using Progeny Press study guides. These study guides help students better understand and enjoy literature by getting them to notice and understand how authors craft their stories and shows them how to think through the themes and ideas introduced in the stories.

Math: The first month of school is typically review of the previous year, so things shouldn't seem too foreign to the students. The pre-test scores in Math showed me we have some work to do this year. I restructured our math class and I believe it will improve their retention of lessons and overall math skills.

Social Studies: We are slowly working our way into this class because it will be one of the more challenging subjects this year. We spent a good amount of time discussing proper note taking techniques. This is new for the 5th graders so it will take some getting use to.

Science: We are classifying living things in Science class right now. The students are also practicing their note taking skills during each lesson. Worksheet packets are handed out on the first day of a new lesson and are due the day we begin the next lesson.

