

Eagle News



May 2024

Principal's Comments:

It is hard to believe that the end of May is just around the corner and with that another school year has come and gone. So many goals have been set and achieved this year, many things have been learned, and new friendships made and old friendships grown. When I reflect on this past school year and our school theme of "Connected" the word connected takes on a whole new meaning.

We have become more "Connected" to our faith. Attending chapel each week, having visits from Pastor to the classrooms each month, praying together, attending a Christian concert with our friends from St. Paul, singing, and having devotions each morning has helped our teachers and students increase their faith and love for Jesus. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful, supportive and caring congregation that supports us in all of our endeavors. THANK YOU!!

We have worked this year to grow a stronger connection to our community. This year we worked with the Orphan Grain Train to collect needed supplies. We also helped them box and get items ready for shipping to places in need. In the spring we became connected to the Henry County Senior Center. We visited and had games, exercise class, lunch and arts and crafts. We so appreciate the staff that planned and prepared for us and even joined in on the activities.

During the school day, our students and staff "Connected" to one another in so many ways. Monthly faith family activities, praying together on the National Day of Prayer, and sharing academic projects with one another helped our bonds grow as our appreciation for one another did too.

We cannot leave out the connection to our families. Without their help and support our jobs would be more difficult. Thank you to all the parents who helped with classroom parties, volunteered to help with driving to field trips, helping with Muffins with Moms, Donuts with Dads and all the other wonderful family events we were able to host at St. John this year. Thank you to our PTL and the School Board for their amazing support of our students and teachers.

This last quarter brought the Accreditation Team to St. John for a visit. A great deal of work went into the preparation for their visit. When their visit was complete, we had a few things that needed immediate attention. Thank you to the technology committee, the trustees and the teachers for their efforts to make the needed changes. At the end of April, the team sent someone to recheck our progress and with the needed changes corrected, we were moved from provisional status to accreditation in good standing. What a blessing! We now move forward to work on our action plan over the next 5 years. We have many goals in the action plan to help our school make improvements.

God certainly has been guiding us throughout the year as his plan for our school continues to be revealed. This year we say goodbye to Mr. Joel Stier, our physical education teacher. Mr. Stier will be missed but we know we will see him around at all of the different events. May God bless his next adventure. To all of our students that are moving on, we will miss seeing you each day and we pray for God's continued blessings for you.

Have a summer filled with fun and joy!!!

In His Service,

Tracy Germann, Principal

Mission Statement

It is the mission of St. John Lutheran School to nurture the faith of students for their life and salvation through Christ in a respectful, responsible and safe environment.

Preschool



These 3 & 4 year olds have formed such a close bond over the school year!

They have had so much fun learning about Jesus and the world around them! I'm so proud of how much they've grown over this past year, it's such a joy to see them blossom and gain those social skills!

Great job kids!!

I'm so proud of you all!!



Kindergarten Here We Come!!

Can it really be the end of the school year already?

These 4 & 5 year olds have worked really hard both socially and academically and I have to say that I am so proud of each and every one of them!! To watch them grow and learn is such a joy!

The children have formed a loving relationship with Jesus, and it is so awesome to hear them talking about Him and to know that they have experienced some very meaningful times in Chapel, the classroom and with each other!!

Great job kids!!! I'm so proud of all of you!!

To help the school stay "connected" the Preschoolers have started a rock caterpillar, inspired from the story; Scribble Stones. The children each painted a rock and lined them up behind Daniel's happy face creating a cool caterpillar! They have invited the other students and the congregation to paint their own stone and add it to Daniel! We're excited to see just how long he will become. Make your way down the hallway after church and add your stone to our caterpillar.



KINDERGARTEN

Over the last couple months, the kids have grown so much in both maturity and academics! They continue to amaze me each day when reading new words and phrases, adding and subtracting more fluently, and in the questions they ask. I am so very proud of them!

MYSTERY READERS

Most recently, Joe Bialorucki, the Mayor of Napoleon, came to read a book to us and talk all about his job as the Mayor! The students are excited to find out who is next!



SOLAR ECLIPSE

April 8, 2024 was a day off for the kids, but prior to that we learned all about what a solar eclipse is and why it happens. Can you believe that these kiddos will be 26 years old when the next one comes across the US?



AUTHOR STUDY

We have been working on learning about various authors, most recently Mo Willems, author of books such as *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*, *Elephant and Piggie* series, and *Knuffle Bunny*. The students have learned about how Mo Willems became an author, what his process is to begin writing a book, and how he makes his illustrations. They learned how to draw many of Willems' characters and wrote about their favorite books. To wrap up this author study the students are stitching their own Knuffle Bunny!

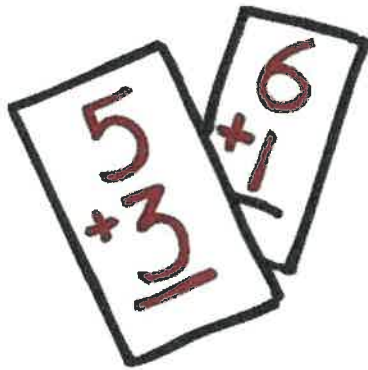
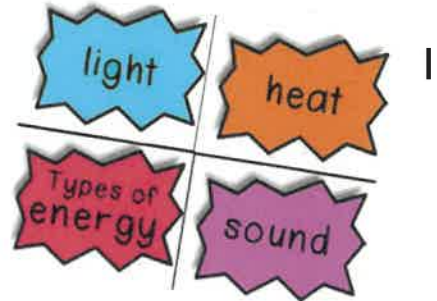




1st & 2nd Grade End of the Year

I have learned many things this year. I learned new math facts like $100+400=500$. I learned cursive like a to z. I learned energy, light, and heat in science. That is what I learned.

By Emmy Sharpe

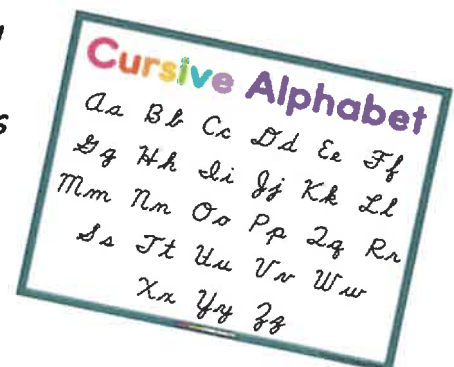


I have learned a lot this year. I've learned math facts. I've learned how to write in cursive. I've learned how to help others. That's what I learned this year.

By Skye Wiechers

I have learned a lot this year. I learned about writing in cursive. I learned my math facts on XtraMath. I learned about calendar and nouns. This is what I learned this year.

By Kenleigh Zilba



I learned a lot this year. I really liked library time because I can take A.R. quizzes. I really like P.E. because I can run fast. I like music class because I can sing. That is what I learned this year.

By Lucy Weddelman



I have learned many things this year. I read books. I ran in gym class. A.R. tests are good. I learned how to make a bar graph. That's what I learned.

By Jaxson Bowling

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

Field trip to Civista Bank!





Pastor Niermann teaching about our stained glass windows in the church.

Solar eclipse activity with Miss Germann.



We have had such a great year!

3rd and 4th Grade Economics

During the third quarter, we studied economics and finances. To do this, each student in our class became an entrepreneur and started a business! Our entrepreneurs hosted a Market Day where other classes could come and shop from their stores.

We did an economics project for the whole third quarter. We earned Eagle Bucks. You lose Eagle Bucks if you don't listen and get a fine, and you earn Eagle Bucks if you are really good and responsible. We made our own shops. I made Basketball Lessons and Bookmark Buying. We made our posters and our supplies and other stuff. We had to pay for our supplies with the Eagle Bucks we earned. Our posters are so cool. The posters we made were so cool because we made them ourselves. We made our products ourselves. I made bookmarks and basketball lessons. We made our posters and set up our tables for Market Day. We made our posters with markers and tape and more. We set up our project and then we had customers. Teachers and students came to our stores. After our stores were done we went to other people's stores and bought stuff. I made 55 Eagle Bucks after everything. This was a social studies project. I think it was fun and cool.

By Kinsley Barnes

My Social Studies project began in the 3rd quarter of the school year. We did an auction with our Eagle Bucks to learn about spending money and supply and demand. We set goals. We earned Eagle Bucks for good behavior and for going to school like it was our job. We learned about wants and needs. We could pick business partners. We thought of business names. My business name was Build-A-Car. I sold toy car kits. We found out how much our supplies were. We made logos, posters, and advertisement flyers. We created our products. We set up our tables, tablecloths, posters, and sold our products to customers, teachers and students. We started with \$65 to make change. When we sold all of our products our teacher took away \$65 and we got the rest as a profit. I earned \$47. I thought it was a fun experience.

By Avery Crall



First we got Eagle Bucks at the start of our project and we got \$20 every day for doing our work. We had to pay tax every week and pay rent for our desks every day.

Next we made our goals and we had to get the supplies and bring them on market day. Then we could get a business partner if we wanted. My partner was Ryan. Then we had to get ideas for our business. Ryan and I made our sign for Sugar Rush Bakery. We made \$190 and our estimate was \$70. We got brownies, muffins, muffin tops, lemonade and pink lemonade. Ryan got the muffins, muffin tops and cookies and I brought lemonade and water.

That is what we did for market day. We got a lot of customers because people liked our shop. That is what we did for our economic project. That is what we did for our project and I liked it.

By Alex Zilba

This is how my social studies project started. We got twenty Eagle Bucks a day. We had to spend the Eagle Bucks on tax, rent, and consequences. We also talked about our business plan. Some of the things we had to think about are location, hours open, and business partners, and mine was Alex.Zilba. Another thing we did was supply and demand. We had to think about them because there was supply and demand at Market Day. First we came up with our business name. My business name was Sugar Rush Bakery. Secondly, we came up with our supply costs. We mostly looked on Amazon or Walmart. Third, we did our slogan/logo. My logo was a lemon with my business name on it and my slogan was **Get ready for sugar!!!!!!!!** First we set up for Market Day. We set up our stuff like our tables, tablecloths, and we hung up our posters. Alex and I sold our products to our customers. I sold muffins, brownies, cookies, lemonade, and bottled water. Lastly, we counted our money. We got 190 Eagle Bucks total. To me I really liked this project.

By Ryan Weddelman

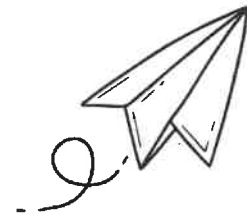


In Social Studies we had a business. Lanny and I had a lot of people at our store. We made 80 dollars. That's a lot of money. Our store had everybody at our store. We got paid every day because we did our work. We also got business partners. We got to choose and Lanny was my business partner. Before we got to do our whole thing, we got to learn about supply and demand. We also had an auction. We had bidding wars. It was really fun. We made so, so, so many Eagle Bucks. We also made fliers. Our theme was pink so we made the fliers pink. Our business name is Lanny and Carly's Hair and Bracelet Shop. We went on announcements to tell people what our business was. We made our slogan too. These are the things we did for our project, which I liked.

By Carly Behnfeldt

We did our Economics project in the third quarter. We learned supply and demand which is about customers buying things. We had an auction to learn about it where we buy stuff from people. We learned about Eagle Bucks and goals. This is why I think making our businesses was fun. We did our logos and slogans for our Market Day. We figured out our business name. We named our shop Lanny and Carly's Hair and Bracelet Shop. We created posters. Then we created our products. We moved tables from the Freedom Flock room. We got two chairs so we could do hair because Carly and I have a hair and bracelet shop. We got to do the teachers hair which they got Mohawks. That is why I liked our Economics project.

By Lanny Cowell



My business started like this. We learned about entrepreneurs. An entrepreneur is a person that opens a business. We thought of what business we were going to do. I did paper airplanes. We talked about if we were going to have business partners. I did not have a business partner. We earned \$20 Eagle Bucks a day. We lost Eagle Bucks if we were bad and paid a fine. We also had to pay rent and taxes.

We made our business name. My business name is AJ's Awesome Paper Airplanes. We thought of our supply cost. My cost was \$3 per paper airplane. We created our products. I made about 50 paper airplanes.

For Market Day we got tables set up, we set up our products, hung up our posters. It was really fun doing it. We sold our items. I got sold out! We counted how much money we made. I made \$75. Yay!

By AJ Stier



3rd and 4th Poetry

We have just finished a poetry unit. We have been learning about rhyme, alliteration, similes, and metaphors. Enjoy some of our haikus and simile/metaphor poems we have written.

Yellow

Yellow is happiness
Like my mom giving me hugs
As colorful as a really bright shirt
As pretty as a sunflower
- Kinsley Barnes

Yellow

Yellow is happiness,
like the sun
like bright flowers.
as happy as a smile
- Alex Zilba



Ohio

The sweet Ohio
Warm weather in the summer
Oh oh Ohio
- AJ Stier

Red

Red is happiness
like giving a rose to your mom
like giving your family a hug
as comfortable as a fluffy blanket
- Avery Crall

Bunnies

Bunnies can jump high.
Bunnies are my favorite.
Bunnies have poof tails.
- Carly Behnfeldt



Birds

They are so pretty.
They are chirping so loudly.
Fly high in the sky.
- Lanny Cowell



Green

Green is gross
Like a bunch of boogers
Like a pack of pickled peppers
As gross as a bunch of Brussel sprouts.
- Ryan Weddelman

5th and 7th Grade Class

Poetry

Writing is a strength of the 5th and 7th grade class and I knew that they would take off with this poetry unit. They caught on quickly and are naturals at poetry. We talked about different figurative language and in the end the students were to make three different types of poetry, a haiku, limerick, and a free verse.



*During this quarter we have also done a whole group novel study, *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park. This is based on a true story about two characters, Salva and Nya in two different time periods in Sudan. It goes into detail about the water crisis in Africa.*

We have had such a great school year and I am so proud of all that the students have accomplished this year. I hope everyone has a safe and fun summer. - Mrs. Bockelman



Haiku

Flowers

Look at the Lotus
Look at the nice Sunflower
I love the garden

By Piper Sharpe

The Beach

Sand beneath my feet
The fresh salty ocean air
How I love the beach

By Honour Schweinhagen

Limerick

Animals

A sugar glider flying,
A monkey spying
How silly it would be,
To let the gorilla free
And cheetah, stop crying!

By Piper Sharpe

Rain

The rain goes drip, drip, drop
Oh, Rain when will you stop
It's too wet to play
So inside I'll stay
And listen to the rain go plop

By Honour Schweinhagen

My Free Verse

Water Waves

*Water waving over the sand,
It feels so very peaceful*

*Water washing over my body
The sun is hiding behind the clouds*

*It feels as if life has stopped
To let a little peace come in*

*The breeze is washing over
And the water waves wash away*

By Piper Sharpe

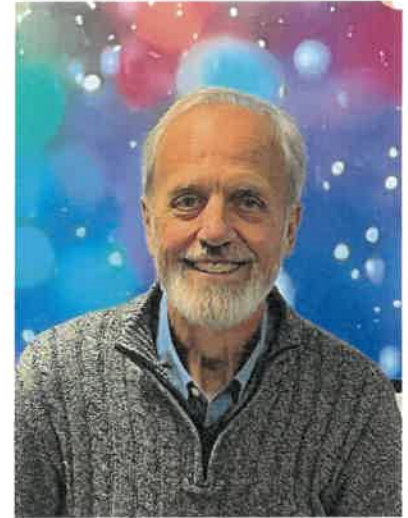
Pandas

*They are black and white
Cute and chubby
They also eat bamboo
They love to play
And sit around being lazy*

By Honour Schweinhagen

Staff Spotlight: Pastor Stephen Niermann

Pastor Niermann has been a pastor for about 39 years and has dedicated 26 years to St. John Lutheran Church and School. Pastor Niermann grew up wanting to take on the occupation of an architect, which in his first year of college he did study, but later decided to take a different path and became a pastor. He attended Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Pastor received a Master of Divinity, which took eight years of study to achieve.



Pastor Niermann's family is growing! In his family he has his wife, Mrs. Bonnie Niermann, his four children Christopher, Emily, Kyle and Rachel. His son and daughter in law, Kyle and Rachel Niermann, just had a baby boy, Henry, right around the same time his daughter and son in law, Rachel and Jacob Andrzejewski had a baby boy, Jayden. While his family is growing, Pastor also has some hobbies! He loves woodworking, reading, music, yardwork, and fixing things. That sure is a variety of things to choose from! He also has two labradoodles named Maya and Murphy that he enjoys taking for walks.

Here are some favorites of Pastor Niermann:

- Movie: Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang
- TV Show: The Newhart Show
- Book: The Bible and the Hymnal; loves hymns
- Dessert: Cherry pie alamode, strawberry rhubarb pie.
- Childhood memory: Going on vacation, eating lunch out of the back of their station wagon, and going out to go to McDonalds to get a 12 cent burger.
- Memory from this school: When his kids were in school, he was a scorekeeper for basketball, loved being at all the basketball games.

As the school year is coming to an end, Pastor Niermann's career here at the church and school will also come to an end. Pastor will be retiring in June after 39 years serving in the ministry. What he plans to do after retirement is playing his violin, helping out other churches, working on his music, working in his shop, and wants to travel. When traveling, he would like to visit Germany because that's where his family roots are. During his interview we asked Pastor Niermann if he were to say goodbye to St. John's school, what would you want to know he stated, "That they would know their Lord and Savior and that he has a wonderful plan for them."

We are thankful for Pastor's years of dedication and service to the church and school and wish him a wonderful retirement.

- Piper Sharpe & Honour Schweinhagen