

# WEEKLY NEWS & NOTES

February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026



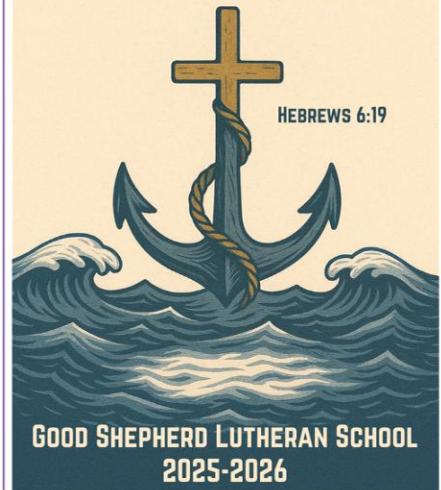
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## General News and Notes

- Our final “Goodnight Stories” of the school year is this Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>! All Preschool-4<sup>th</sup>-grade students are invited to come in their pajamas, bring a cozy blanket, and join us for stories, an activity (maybe even some dancing!), and a free book to take home. Please invite friends and family to this fun event!
- We will be having our optional 3<sup>rd</sup>-quarter parent-teacher conferences next week. Look for a sign-up sheet to come home on Monday.
- In partnership with the VNA, we will conduct our annual health screening on Thursday, February 12th. We'll be screening for hearing and vision that morning and will need 3 or 4 parent volunteers. Please reach out to Mrs. Beals if you are willing/able to help that morning. We'll get started right away at the beginning of the day and should be done before 10 a.m. Thank you!
- We've partnered with Barksdale (our school photographer) on valentines this year! For any student who was here for picture day, a booklet of 36 valentines with 18 unique designs is available for purchase. You can stop by the desk or email Mrs. Beals if you're interested in purchasing the booklet for \$12. There is an online payment link, or you can bring cash/check (payable to Barksdale School Portraits) to school for \$12 per student/booklet. Please reach out to Mrs. Beals if you have any other questions or need to make arrangements to view your student's valentines.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### February 4

Goodnight Stories @ GS (6:30 p.m.)

### February 9-12

Optional PT Conferences

### February 10

3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>-grade field trip @ Joslyn Art

### February 16

NO SCHOOL (President's Day)  
Faculty In-service Day

### February 18

Ash Wednesday  
Soup Supper (served by 6-8) – 5 p.m.  
Worship – 6:30 p.m.

### February 23-26

Christian Education Week

### February 27-28

NELHS Basketball Tournament  
(No school on Friday, 2/27)

### March 2

NO SCHOOL

### March 4

K-2 field trip to Fontenelle Forest

# Worship Focus

THIS WEEKEND



**Sunday 2/1/26**

**9:30 a.m. – Bible Study (Vicar Guse)**  
**10:30 a.m. – Worship (Vicar Guse)**

## MR. LAUBER & MRS. ROBERTS' CLASSROOM

- This Thursday and Friday, I will be in New Ulm, MN, for Martin Luther College Governing Board meetings. Mrs. Roberts will sub for me on Thursday, and Mrs. Seaberg will sub on Friday morning. (Prayerfully, these will be the last days I miss this year!)



Learning about combustion reactions (Photo credit: Lisa Beals)

### Theme:

"Identity Revealed:  
Jesus Is the Light"

### Readings:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson – Isaiah 8:19-9:4
- Psalm 27C
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson – 1 John 2:3-11
- Gospel – Matthew 4:12-23

### Hymns:

- #381 - "The People Who in Darkness Walked"
- #904 - "O Christ, Our True and Only Light"
- #376 - "Rise Up and Shine"
- #792 - "O Trinity, Most Blessed Light"

## TESTS THIS WEEK

**M** – None

**Tu** – None

**W** – None

**Th** – None

**F** – None



"Let's all keep... the steady beat! Stomp, stomp, pat, pat, pat, clap, clap, pat, pat."

## MISS CROWL'S CLASSROOM

**Memory Work:** The 9th Commandment for **Wednesday**. 1  
Corinthians 10:31 for **Friday**.

### Spelling:

**3rd** - (Irregular Plurals) leaf, leaves, loaf, loaves, knife, knives, louse, lice, wolf, wolves, goose, geese, woman, women, Ave, anyone, faraway, Ms.

**4th** - (Multisyllabic Words with VCCV Pattern) million, collect, lumber, pepper, plastic, borrow, support, thirty, perfect, attend, canyon, traffic, fortune, danger, soccer, engine, picture, survive, seldom, effort

**5th** - (Final /ij/, /iv/, and /is/ sound) storage, olive, service, relative, cabbage, courage, native, passage, voyage, knowledge, image, creative, average, justice, detective, postage, cowardice, adjective, village, language

### Notes & Reminders:

- Basketball practice for 5-8th grade will continue on Tuesdays from 4-5pm.
- Tuesday, February 10th, we have a field trip to the Joslyn Art Museum.
- Our class Valentine's Party will take place on Friday, February 13th. Students are encouraged to design and create a valentines box to collect their class valentines in.



Fun with Miss Kramer at recess



Enjoying the sunshine!

### Mission Statement

Good Shepherd  
Lutheran School exists for  
students to be

**FED** by the Word,

**FOLLOW** Christ in his love,  
and

**FIND** the lost with his Word.

# MRS. HOPFENSPERGER'S CLASSROOM

- **Spelling Words (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade):**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: like, white, drive, time, bike, kite, joke, stove, home, poke
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: car, dark, card, star, park, yard, party, hard, smart, start, part, spark

- **High Frequency Words:**

- Kindergarten: the, a, see, I, by, my, to, at, am, go, is, no, man, and, you, can, an, has, it, he, ran, she, did, in, put, me, sits, with, big, good, his, very, got, here, of, on, are, lot, not, was, but, look, up, want
- 1<sup>st</sup>: carry, draw, eight, even, goes, may, seven, shows
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: body, color, dark, hard, hour, large, part, started, warm, was

- **Sound of the Week:**

- Kindergarten: short u words
- 1<sup>st</sup>: long i, o; silent letters kn, wr
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: r-controlled vowel ar, multisyllabic word ar

- **Focus Skills**

- Kindergarten: blend phonemes into words, isolate medial vowel sounds, produce rhymes
- 1<sup>st</sup>: text features, create mental images, story structure, elements of poetry
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: text features, ask and answer questions, elements of poetry, cause and effect

- **Power Words**

- Kindergarten: practice, proud, success
- 1<sup>st</sup>: brittle, celebrate, center, Constitution, famous, government, papers, parade, share, signed, tradition
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: covers, creep, dimmer, drain, glide, hemisphere, produce, rumble, shimmering, slather, slithering, splatter, squirm, substance

## Upcoming Dates:

February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 100<sup>th</sup> day of school

February 4<sup>th</sup> – Goodnight Stories

February 6<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten show and tell



**Marching to a “steady beat” in music class**

## MEMORY WORK

### Tuesday

- K – “Your word is a lamp to my feet”
- 1-2 – Psalm 119:105

### Wednesday

- 2 – Ninth Commandment

### Thursday

- 1-2 – Ninth Commandment



**Indoor PE class on a frigid Fancy Friday**

## MRS. WALZ'S CLASSROOM

- In Jesus Time, this week we will learn two stories. Our first story is "Jesus Feeds More than Five Thousand People." In this story, we will hear how Jesus used his power to feed many out of a small lunch. Our second story is "Jesus Teaches Peter to Trust." In this story, we will hear how Jesus used his power to teach his disciples whom they should trust.
- For Circle Time, this week, we will talk all about the letter Q and community helpers.
- February's Family Fun Calendars and Nightly Reading sheets will be sent home this week.
- There is Show and Tell this week. The theme is something that shows what you want to be when you grow up
- Our 100th Day of School is MONDAY! We can't wait to celebrate with you. Don't forget your 20 pieces of snacks for our soup.
- Valentine's Day is coming up! We will be having a party on Friday, February 13th. Please see the note outside the classroom or the one that was sent home last week for more information.
- There is No School on Monday, February 16th.
- If you ever have any questions, please feel free to email me, send me a message in Bloomz, send a note in your child's backpack, or talk to me in person.
- Have a great week!



On a classroom color hunt



Congratulations on winning the first Book Blast treasure chest, Michael!

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