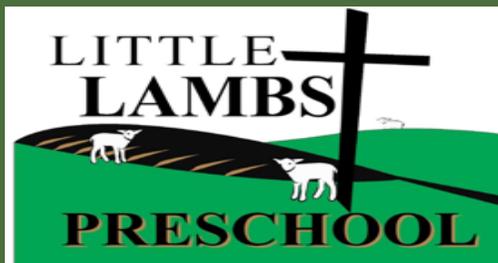




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Upcoming School Events

Sunday, January 12

Worship Services - 8:00, 10:30 AM
Sunday School 9:10 AM

Monday, January 13

Children's Choir - 3:15-4:15 PM

Tuesday, January 14

Basketball Practice - 3:00-4:30 PM

Wednesday, January 15

Individual Band Lessons
Math Counts Team Practice
Band Practice 3:00-3:45 PM

Thursday, January 16

Home Basketball Game - 4:00 PM
School Open House 4-7 PM

Friday, January 17

Chapel 8:05 AM
End of 2nd Quarter

Upcoming Weekly Family Devotions (January 12-18):

Story	Beginner's Bible	The Jesus Storybook	Bible
Elijah and Ahab	P. 201-205		1 Kings 16:29-17:7
Elijah and the Widow	P. 206-208		1 Kings 17:8-16

General School Updates

Standardized Testing for K-8 (MAP Testing) January 12-17

This next week of school our students in grades K-8 will be taking their second round of standardized tests or "MAP Tests". We continue to use the standardized testing system that we first started using last year. Each student in these grades will be taking Language, Math, and Reading tests this coming week as well as on other point later on during this school year. These tests are all done online and results are available almost immediately. These tests allow us to monitor the academic growth of each student during the year and help our teachers adjust their instruction to meet the specific needs of all of our students. Parents are encouraged to make sure that their children are well rested and have a good breakfast each day this next week to help children focus and perform to the best of their ability on these tests. Please encourage your child to not feel any anxiety about the tests as the results don't have any bearing on their report cards or on any decisions about passing or failing or grade level. The main purpose of the tests is to help our teachers and school best serve each student with an effective, personalized education!

No School Monday, January 20th and Tuesday, January 21st

Due to our teaching staff taking part in a science curriculum conference, there will be no school on Monday and Tuesday, January 20-21. School will resume again as normal on Wednesday, January 22nd.

Parent/Teacher Conferences - Week of January 20-24

With the 2nd quarter of the school year drawing to a close, we plan on having parent/teacher conferences the week of January 20-24 to discuss academic progress with parents. Watch for sign up forms to come home from each classroom to sign up for a day and time that work best for you to meet with your child's teacher.

Little Lambs Preschool Updates

We have had a busy, fun week back after our break. The children were happy to see each other.

Conferences will start the week of January 20th. There will be a sign-up in the classroom and more information will follow.

Week of January 13th -17th

Theme: Winter/Snow

Letter: "Rr"

Color: White

Shape: Oval

Bible Story: The Baptism of Jesus

Memory Treasure: Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. (Mark 16:16)

Reminders:

- Tuition is due.
- January 16th SPELS/Little Lambs Open House
- January 20 & 21 NO SCHOOL

K-2 Classroom Updates

The K-2 class is excited to get back into the swing of things after enjoying lots of time with your families and friends during our Christmas break. This week, we spent time checking in to see what we know about reading, writing, and math and what we need to still work on. This week also began our unit on United States symbols. We learned about the Pledge of Allegiance, the Liberty Bell, and the US Flag this week. Next week brings our 2nd round of NWEA MAP testing on the iPads. It is another great opportunity for us to show all that we know and have learned how to do.

3-5 Classroom Updates

Grades 3-5 are happy to get back to school. We enjoyed a super sledding day on Monday. By Wednesday we were back inside for recess, due to below-zero wind chills! Weather in Minnesota can be very interesting.

In Word of God we are learning about how God took care of the Israelites in the desert. That really fits in perfectly with our Bible readings in church each Sunday, where we are hearing about how God takes care of even sparrows. Our afternoon devotions always preview the Sunday Bible readings as well as the home Bible study stories. We hope your family is keeping up with the home devotions. The stories about David and Solomon really build our confidence in God's help.

Everyone is enjoying a unit on poetry. It is fun to watch the images in our own heads and to share them with others. English grammar is becoming easier for most of us, too. We are learning that understanding language helps us to use it more effectively. That is important because you don't understand anything completely unless you can explain it more than one way. We are finding out that it is always fun to master new learning.

6-8 Classroom Updates

We had a productive first week back from Christmas break! In writing class the 6-8th graders are all writing news articles about something going on at SPLS. They are conducting interviews from which they will use direct and indirect quotations to add more details to their news articles.

The 7-8th graders have begun their Social Studies unit on World War II. The students have found this unit very interesting so far. We just saw how the attack of Pearl Harbor led the United States to join the war. Next week we will get to study how the United States helped win the war.

In conjunction with our World War II Social Studies unit, we are reading a novel titled, *The Boy Who Dared*. This novel based on a true story is about a boy named Helmuth whom resides in Germany during World War II. After joining the Hitler Youth program, he begins to realize much of what Adolf Hitler did and stood for did not agree with what he believed to be right according to his religious beliefs. Helmuth courageously chooses to begin a resistance movement against the Nazis. The book has been engaging so far!