

May 7, 2010
Greetings 3rd and 4th Grade Parents,

Happy Mother's Day Moms!

I pray that you have an enjoyable weekend with your children! God's richest blessings to all of you!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! I really appreciated the thoughtful gifts, cards, flowers, and tasty treats that were given to me during this week of Teacher Appreciation Day. I wish to extend an additional thank you to the PTL and the parents who provided the wonderful lunch and supervised the students on Tuesday in order that the teachers could enjoy their lunch together as a staff. That was a real treat. God's blessings to all.

Bible Story – Our stories include Difficult Days for the Church, Philip and the Ethiopian, and Saul's Conversion.

Grade 3 Language Arts – We will be reading a realistic fiction titled "The Science Fair" by Susan Wajciechowski. In grammar, we'll be focusing on contractions.

Grade 4 Language Arts – We will be reading a tall tale titled "The Bunyans", a story about Paul Bunyan by Audrey Wood. In grammar, we'll be focusing on adverbs.

Grade 3 Math – We're studying Decimals. The chapter 23 test will be held May 11th. Chapter 24 is a unit on Measurement and Customary Units. My goal for that test date is Monday, May 17th.

Grade 4 Math – We're starting Unit 20, Understanding Fractions. My goal for that test date is Monday, May 17th.

Grade 3-4 – Continue practicing your math facts!

Science – We've studying Chapter 3 of Section B – Effects of Earth and Moon Motions. The test will be on Monday, May 10th. Look for the TWO study sheets.

Social Studies – We're beginning Unit 3 Communities and Their Geography. We begin with Chapter 5 of that unit which is titled "Using America's Resources". We will also be doing some state quizzes (identify the states on a US map) with each student attempting to improve their own score.

Olympic Diorama's – Hang on to these. They will be put on display one final time during the anniversary open house on June 6.

Computer Book Tests Deadlines – May 19th (3 books), June 2 (2 books). Please read books that are close to your lexile and not lower than 100 below your lexile. (Books that are below level will not count.) My goal is that the students read at their level and challenge themselves by not reading material that is way too difficult or too easy for them. I'm pleased that so many of the students are working ahead to complete these goals! Keep up the good work!

Iowa Tests of Basic Skills – The tests results have come back to us. The teachers will be reviewing these and sending them home in the next week. I've skimmed the results and I'm quite positive that you will be as pleased with how well they did as I am. The students worked very hard and it shows! Keep up the great work!

Lunch- Pizza!!! On May 25th, the K-4 will be treated to **FREE** pizza from CiCi's. CiCi's wishes to thank everyone from Mt. Olive who came to Mt. Olive Nights at CiCi by treating the students to some pizza. Parents, you won't have to purchase a lunch for your child that day. Some parents will be asked to provide some veggies and drinks to go along with the pizza.

Bring Your Own Snacks – Our snacks have dwindled. <sigh> We have only enough snacks for about one day. Because it's the end of the year with about 20 school days left, I'm asking that if the students desire a snack, they may **bring their own**. This will also prevent us from having leftovers at the end of the year. We have FOUR May birthdays. They may possibly bring in a treat. We also have a number of summer birthdays. Some of those may wish to bring in a treat. If you are planning to send a birthday treat, it's helpful if you let me know. That way, we won't end up with two or three birthday treats on one day!

Upcoming Events

May 15th – Happy Birthday and God's Blessings to **Amanda!**

May 16th – God's Blessings and Happy Birthday to **Davis!**

May 18th – Happy Birthday and God's Blessings to **Sophie!**

May 24th – **Spring Concert** presented by the pianists, handbell choir, and concert band. The band will pay tribute to our soldiers by performing "Army Strong". One of the band members father was recently deployed. The band will also feature Mr. Cory Emily, as the guest triangle soloist for the selection, "Concerto For Triangle".

May 30th - God's Blessings and Happy Birthday to **Nick!**

Monday, May 31st – No School – Memorial Day

Wednesday, June 2nd – Eighth grade graduation at 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 5th - **50th School Anniversary Celebration Saturday** - Informal Social Gathering at Tower Park, 4900 Hickman Road, Des Moines from 2-4 p.m. Bring your own snacks and refreshments for an afternoon of fun and reunion. All ages are welcome! (There's a great playground!) (Alcohol is prohibited per park rules.)

Sunday, June 6th – **50th School Anniversary Celebration Sunday** - Rev. Dr. Kurt Taylor, class of 1980, will be the guest preacher. **All students in K-8 will sing during both services** (8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.). It would be wonderful to have all students participate in at least one service. Band students will perform, that day, at 9:15, 9:35, and 10 a.m during the Open House between the 8 a.m. and 10:30 services.

Celebration Banquet will be held at the Ramada Tropic Resort, 5800 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines. The banquet will begin at 12:30 p.m. with cocktails, followed by the buffet and program at 1:00 p.m. The cost of the banquet is \$25 per adult and \$10 for children twelve and younger. (A separate children's room will be provided for dining and activities).

June 8th – **Last Day of the School Year!** Yipee!

(looking ahead) **Summer Birthdays:** June 11th (Tatianna), June 26th (Matthew), July 15th (Jon), July 15th (Shane), July 30th (Tiffany)

Blessings on your week,
In Service of Our Lord,
Miss Krueger