

November 21, 2013

From the teachers...

On Monday, we were able to see the grade 3 *Sarah, Plain and Tall* presentations. Great job, grade 3's!

On Tuesday, Mrs. Schutten came in to teach her last Art lesson before she has her baby. Thank you, Mrs. Schutten for your gifts and talents and your willingness to share them with the students at ACS. You will be missed and we look forward to your return. God bless you and keep you during these last few weeks of your pregnancy and we pray that all goes well!

On Wednesday, we started our soup days for the year. Thanks to Mrs. DeVries for the marvelous turkey noodle soup. Also, thanks for organizing the list of soup volunteers and thanks to all those who are volunteering to make soup. It always gives the students something to look forward to!

Today we continue to work on songs for the Christmas program at church and for an assembly at school. We plan to have our Christmas Assembly at Thorncliffe Manor this year. Please put Tuesday, December 17 at 2:00 pm on your calendars! We hope to begin the assembly at 2:15.

Next week Thursday we plan to be handing out the first term report cards. Keep an eye out for them!

Have a great weekend!

This week marked us wrapping up our memorization of "Le Notre Père". I was blown away by the grade 1s and a Grade 2 student literally 'rattling off' the whole thing in less than a minute. They did somehow remain reverent. I was very impressed. Now parents and other members...how are you doing learning it? :-)

The Grade 4 and 5 students completed their novel study of 'Farmer Boy' and today we enjoyed a presentation on two farmer boys and how their lives were the same and different. We learned about Almanzo Wilder and Mr. Smith's childhoods. The students cannot wait till the New Year when we will start a new novel in January-February.

Next week we will start working on singing Psalm 121 in French. I also discovered *Le Notre Père* put to music. I am sorry I did not find it in September. Now that the students know the words, the melody should be easy. :-)

It is also time to bring out the Christmas songs and get ready for December.

Btw, whenever you get a chance, please speak to the students/the children in French, at the dinner table, switch a movie to the French audio, even just 'Merci', 'Oui', 'Non' etc. They appreciate the extra exposure and whatever you can remember from school if French wasn't your forte.

Bonne fin de semaine à tous!
Mme Ludwig

Looking Ahead:

Memory Work: Psalm 17:3

Bible History:

- The storm stilled; demons cast out (Matt 8:23-34; Mark 4:35-5:20; Luke 8:22-39)
- Jairus' daughter raised (Matt 9:18-26; Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56)
- The Parable of the Sower (Matt. 13:1-23; Mark 4:1-20)

Star of the Week: Thomas

Dates to Remember

- Nov. 28 – Report cards
- Dec 5 – Parent/teacher interviews
- Dec 17 – Christmas assembly
- Dec 19 - last day of school for 2013

My First Ballet Class

By: Joanna Smith

On Monday after school, I went to my very first ballet class. My friends, Helena and Cara, went with me. We were so excited to go to ballet and get our ballet clothes on.

Once we were at ballet we needed to do something. So we went to play on the coloured mats. We jumped off the pulpit steps and whichever colour mat we landed on that's the colour we had to keep jumping on.

Finally it was time for ballet class to begin. We went downstairs to our ballet classes. Helena and Cara are in class 1, I am in class 4.

I learned a total of things at my first ballet class. I learned how to jump and twirl and point my toes.

It was so much fun at my first ballet class! I can't wait until my next ballet class.

Spelling/Sight Words:

Grade 1: *Sight words:* now, long, no, came, ask *Spelling words:* map, clap, flap, sum, drum, strum, class, glass, grass, of

Grade 2: lace, space, grace, ice, mice twice, cage, page, stage, be, he, we, she, cry, fly, try, shy, no, so, go, of, off

Grade 3: real, heal, steal, meal, ear, fear, near, clear, beak, weak, streak, squeak, coat, boat, goat, throat, team, cream, dream, scream, toast, roast, coast, boast, Jesus, Christ, Spirit

Grade 4: lawyer, drawbridge, seesaw, crawl, flaw, drawn, cost, offering, strongest, crosswalk, tossing, softer, hayloft, every, very, Hosea, Joel, Amos
Grade 5: publisher, computer, operator, professor, refrigerator, gentleness, loneliness, worldliness, clean, cleanliness, govern, government, advertisement, astonishment, typewriter,

discouragement, Alabama, Kentucky
Grade 6: assist, assistant, assistance, annoy, annoyance, minor, minority, major, majority, legal, legality, legalism, character, characteristic, Burma, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic

Grade 7: attendant, untidy, soloist, handcuffs, security, eyebrows, vocabulary, explain, solitary, qualifying, nonprofit, superintendent, authority, untrustworthy, experiment, prefer, eroding, aqueduct, accompanist, zucchini racquetball, claustrophobic