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Transportation Update - New School Building

BY SAM SHIRLEY - SFCA BOARD CHAIRMAN

BY KENDRA PHILP

As we enter year 2021, we are moving closer to having classes in the new school building on Hudson Road located in the Marion Center School District for the 2021/2022 school year. As many of you already know, only those students located in the Armstrong, Marion Center, and Indiana school districts will be provided busing to the new school by these districts. We are looking to help those parents of students who will be losing busing from their home school district for the new school year.

Back in the fall of 2020, a questionnaire on busing was sent out to those parents located in the following school districts: Apollo Ridge, Blairsville/Saltsburg, Homer Center, Penns Manor, Purchase Line and United School districts. Essentially, these are the school districts, for those students, who will lose busing from their home school district. After receiving many positive responses back, we are excited to announce that we are continuing to move forward with the plan to provide bus transportation both to and from the school each day. We do realize that our plan will not accommodate everyone that has been affected but we are doing our best to accommodate as many students as we can.

The centralized location that received the most votes, from the questionnaires, is the Old Holiday Inn on Wayne Avenue. Therefore, the plan is for the 1st pick up location to be at the Old Holiday Inn leaving at approximately 7:15am and arriving at the 2nd stop at the 4th Street BiLo parking lot at 7:25am and then departing off to the new school building. The bus ride from this point to the new school is approximately 20 minutes as the route is thru Ernest and Creekside.

Parents, we would also ask your help in determining the proper size the school bus needed to transport the students. When registering for the new school year, please indicate your intentions along with the number of children who will be riding the bus from your household. From the questionnaires that were received, several parents indicated that they plan to have their children utilize the bus transportation being provided by SFCA.

Dates & Deadlines

Take Home Folders



Take home folders will be sent home on Tuesday, February 16th. Monthly paper work will be due on Monday, February 22nd.

Deadlines




TUITION

Tuition payments are due the 10th of each month. A \$40 late fee is applied if payment is not received by the 15th of the month. Please contact Jenn Filipovich; 724-463-7719 or filipovich@seedsoffaithacademy.org with questions.

SCRIP ORDERS

Scrip orders are due on Tuesday by 12pm and may be picked up Friday!

School Delays

A reminder, if SFCA does **NOT** close or delay, busing follows your home school district's closings or delay schedule. Students will be excused in these situations. Parents are welcome to transport their own children on days their district busing is delayed or not operating. Check local TV and radio stations, and text messages from 



Let's spread some LOVE

SFCA IS COLLECTING VALENTINES TO SEND TO VETERANS, NEW STORY KIDS, SOLDIERS, MEALS ON WHEELS, AND HOSPICE PATIENTS.

WE HAVE MAILBOXES HERE READY TO BE FILLED WITH YOUR VALENTINES! PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD ADDRESS CARDS TO "MY FRIEND", "TO YOU", OR "TO SOMEONE SPECIAL" AND PUT THEM IN THE DROP BOX AT MISS KENDRA'S DESK BY FEB 9TH.

Upcoming Dates.....

- 2/3 - HS Wendy's
- 2/4 - Elem Wendy's
- 2/5 - Falcon Friday
- 2/9 - Valentine's Due
- 2/10 - HS Wendy's
- 2/11 - Elem Wendy's
- 2/12 - No School (snow make-up day)
- 2/15 - No School
- 2/17 - HS Wendy's
- 2/18 - Elem Wendy's
- 2/24 - HS Wendy's
- 2/25 - Elem Wendy's

Always check the live calendar online
SFCA LIVE CALENDAR

Student Perks

MILK CARDS

Milk Cards are \$6.00 for 20 cartons of milk.



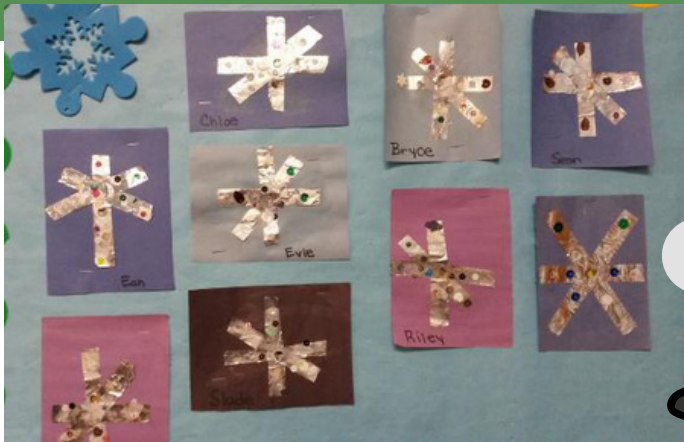
We have around 250 recipients this year!

Teacher Update: PS3 & K-Prep

BY MRS. MCCULLOUGH



Icicles and snowy pals January artwork



Foil Snowflakes

And Jesus grew in wisdom
and stature.

Luke 2:52
MEMORY VERSE



Painting snow
in the sensory
table



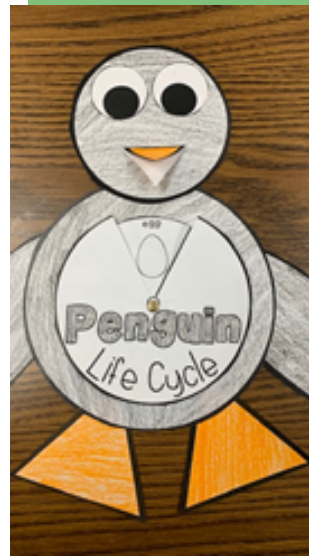
Painted
Snowmen



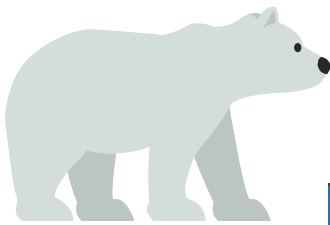
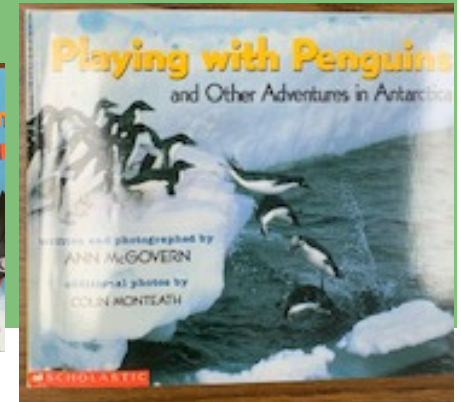
Teacher Update: Kindergarten

BY MRS. MARQUEZ

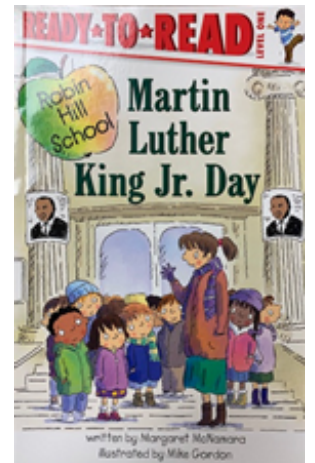
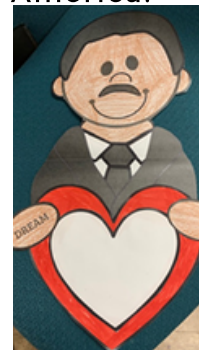
Kindergarten would like to share some fun books and activities that they've been enjoying!



Did you know that there are 7 stages of a penguin's life cycle? We also learned some pretty big words like incubate and regurgitate. Whew!



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a great leader because he had great dreams. The class all came up with some wonderful ideas for their own dreams for America!



Polar bears are so cool! Get it? Hahaha! Did you know that their hair is almost clear and their skin is black? Polar bear cubs stay with their mom until they are three years old.

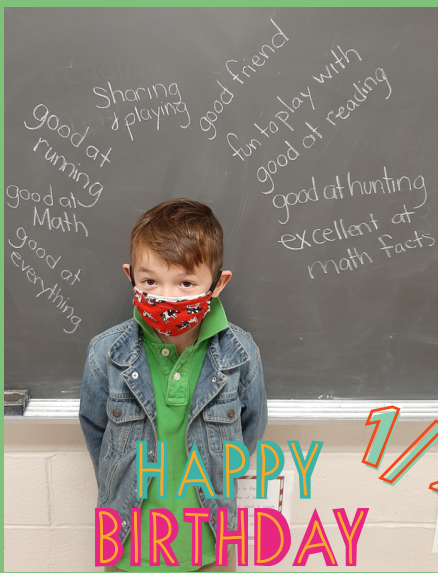
Dream..

Teacher Update: 2nd Grade

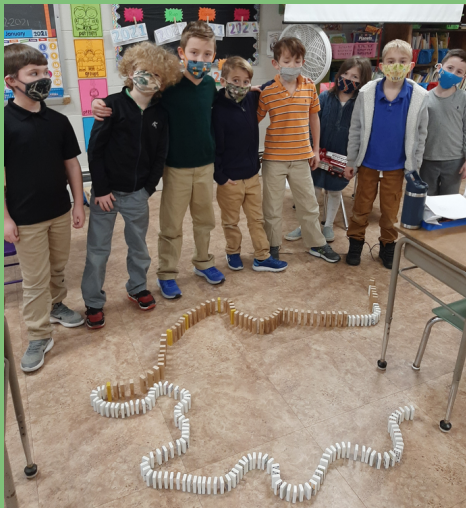
BY MRS. MILLER

We finished our Social Studies book in the middle of January and are excited to have begun Science. The first thing we learned about is what scientists do and that God's creation points us to God. In Bible, we began a new unit on the Biblical truth: Jesus died to restore fellowship and harmony between people and God. In our last unit we learned that sin causes separation and disharmony between people and God. Students are learning the only way we can come back into fellowship with God is by repenting and receiving Jesus Christ as our Savior.

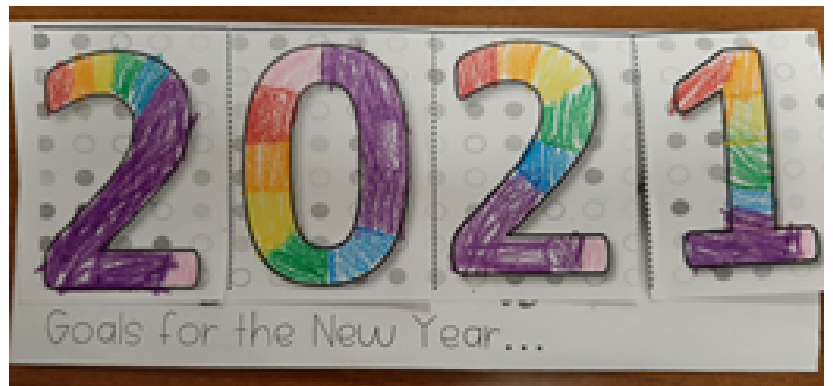
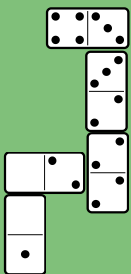
When Jesus died on the cross, he restored harmony between God and us. This is represented in our God Saves Us display (the black box represents people, the white box represents God and the cross is the bridge that connects people back to God).



Second grade has many students with Summer birthdays. We are celebrating half-birthdays for those students. At the beginning of December, we showered Rigo with compliments for his half-birthday.



The students have been having a lot of fun with Dominoes for recess.



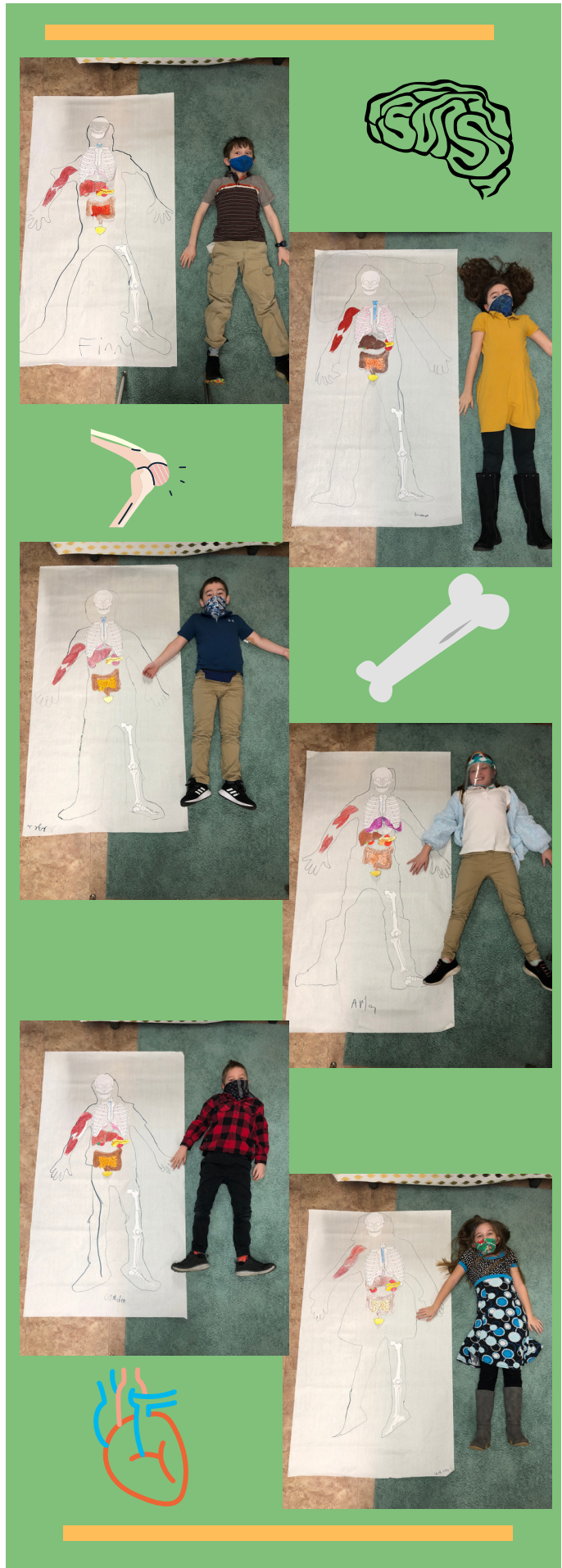
Making goals for the New Year: We read several stories in which someone made a goal and then even through the hardships they did not give up. Then we were ready to make goals for ourselves. Some of their goals were: teaching others about God, learning a new sport or how to play an instrument, helping their parents, and picking up litter.

Teacher Update: 3rd Grade



BY MRS. BENNETT

These past couple of months have been such a whirlwind! I am so incredibly proud of how the third graders have handled all of the changes throughout the year. They worked hard and did an amazing job the week that we went virtual. I am very grateful to God that we get to be back together in the classroom, though, and I am praying that we all stay healthy and able to meet in-person! Throughout December and January, the students have really been enjoying science. At the end of our force and motion unit, students worked together on a STEM project to make their own marble roller coasters. During our unit on the human body, the students created awesome paper models of themselves, including the major organs and bones. Social studies activities and projects will be coming up next in quarter three! Another exciting new topic in third grade has been multiplication. Now that we have a good understanding of how multiplication works and various strategies to solve problems, we have moved on to memorizing our times tables! The students are working hard to memorize facts all the way up to the 12 times table. As they pass their drills, they are getting closer and closer to an ice cream party to celebrate! I know that third grade will continue to work hard and have fun in quarter three.



MOON

Teacher Update: 4th/5th Grade

BY MRS. MEYER

The 4th & 5th grade students have had a busy beginning to 2021.

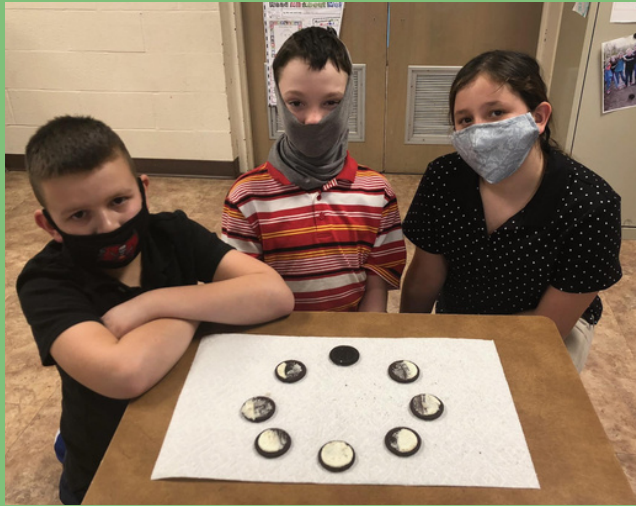
In science, we have been studying the moon. It's regular orbit and its relationship to the earth and sun. Ask us how much we would weigh, how far we could throw a ball, and how high we could jump if we were on the moon! We had fun learning about the phases of the moon with the help of oreo cookies.

How God used judges has been the theme in our bible studies. We have learned that God chose judges from various tribes and regions to minister during the dark times in Israel's history.

Math class begins each day with a review of multiplication. As the 4th graders begin their new chapters in algebra and 5th graders begin dividing by 2 digit divisors, it is very important to be able to quickly recall the basic facts.

In reading, we are enjoying the novel, "trouble at Silver Pines Inn". Since one main character is Japanese, we have been creating origami figures and writing Haiku poems. We will be integrating our writing with our art classes as we create illustrations for our poems.

Be on the lookout in February for our published Haiku poetry book!



PHASES



High School Updates

BY MRS. CALDWELL

Just a quick note to let you know what my classes are doing.

Sixth through eighth grade are studying the American Revolution. Ninth and tenth grade are finishing reading, "The Count of Monte Cristo" and we just covered the United States declaring war on Japan, Germany and Italy in World War II. Eleventh and twelfth grade are reading, "The Scarlet Letter" and are studying the French Revolution. All of the history classes are also reading the book of Luke in the Bible and we are also squeezing in geography in all the history classes once a week.



TO SFCA'S LARGEST GRADUATING CLASS

Class of 2021

Caeden King	Shyanne Philp
Anita Lee	Gabe Seevers
Blake Mears	Bryn Smith
Korpo Parks	Eric Smith

Save the date: May 21, 2021

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

BY MR. JOHNSON

The 6-8 grade Bible students have continued to progress well in the survey of key points of each book of the New Testament. After finishing with the four Gospels and Acts, we took all of January to study the main themes of Romans as well as other important truths in that book. The Apostle Paul made it clear that we are saved and justified through faith in atonement of Jesus Christ the very Son of God. Furthermore, the students learned that they can have true victory through the power of the Holy Spirit so that they can fully appreciate who Christ is and who they are in Christ.

The 9/10 grade Bible class has continued to study and hopefully apply the lessons from Colossians. Currently, the students have been studying Chapter 3 of Colossians. They looked into who they are in Christ as ones raised from the dead with Christ and how the realization of this should motivate them to "put off the old man" and "put on the new man". It was emphasized that they are accepted, loved and secure in Christ. The students continued to realize the importance of understanding the context, meaning and implications of a passage.

The 11/12 grade Apologetics class has studied that the New Testament is historically reliable as evidenced by early testimony, eyewitness testimony and several other historical standards of proof. We will be studying that there are at least ten good reasons that the New Testament writers told the truth. We took time to investigate the age old question: "Why would God allow bad things to happen?"

All three levels are memorizing and meditating on 1 Corinthians 10:31. Finally I appreciate how families have supported Operation Christmas Child and how the students encouraged a young burn victim by sending her cards and lifting her up in prayer.

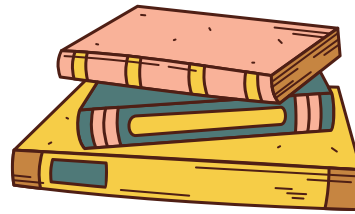


High School Updates

BY MRS. MCCRACKEN

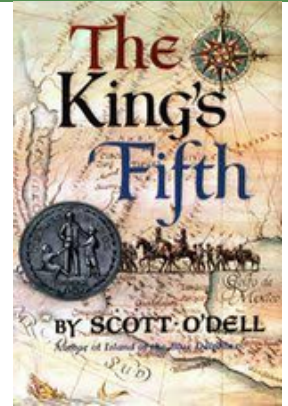
Earth Science 6-8

We just completed Chapter 7 in Earth Science which was all about mountains and hills. As a concluding project the students each selected a mountain from around the world and did research on it. We also took time in class to present these projects to one another. This gave the students an opportunity to see and also learn about all the amazing mountains around the world. Now, we are beginning a chapter on volcanoes. The students are very excited about this chapter! Each student is going to create their own volcano! Look for pictures next month on these!



English 6-8

We have started a new book that we are reading and discussing in English class. It is called, "The King's Fifth". It is a historical fiction book that has many twists and turns along the plot. Scott O'Dell does a fantastic job writing this book. In the evenings, make sure to ask your children about what they are reading!!



Enrichment

Teacher Update: Music

BY MRS. BRUNO

1st and 2nd grade students are working on their musical this year "Welcome to our Neighborhood" based on Mr. Roger's Neighborhood and Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood. Please practice with the script at home and memorize lines. Not all students have speaking parts. Songs are on Google Classroom as well as the script and cast list. Performance date will be February 17 in school for our fellow students; a recording will be made available on Google Classroom.



Enrichment

Teacher Update: Art/Computers

BY MISS DUCHON

Elementary Art Class:

In our elementary Art Classes, we have recently completed several different projects. The Kindergarten class listened to the story, "The Crayon Box that Talks" and created their own giant crayon, while the First Grade students just finished Watercolor Snowflakes. The Second and Third Grade students learned about weaving and created Valentine Heart Weavings. The Fourth and Fifth Grade students learned about illuminated letters and got to design their own. They all did a great job!

Middle/High School Art:

The Middle/High School Art class just finished art for the year by creating Pop Art inspired Candy. They also competed in an Ugly Christmas Sweater Design Contest last month. Congratulations to Trinity Metcalf who won the contest with her Christmas movie inspired design! They also designed their own skateboards.

Middle School STEM Classes:

The Middle School STEM Classes recently made simple rocket launchers using bottles, construction paper, tape, and hot glue. After completion, the students launched their paper rockets through the Gathering Place.

Library/LLL

Every Friday, Kindergarten through Fifth Grade classes have the opportunity to visit our school library. They have also completed a number of reading and comprehension activities. Some have had a chance to do flashlight reading. Also, please help make sure your children are returning their checked out books on time.

