

# Falcon Friday Feature

February 2022 Student Newsletter



- February 11th - District Chorus and Mentors
- February 17th - PTF Meeting
- February 18th - No School/Act 80 Day
- February 21st - No School
- February 25th - PJ and Pancakes Day
- February 28th-March 4th - Spirit Week!

## 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, text messages from Remind, as well as our school Facebook page.

## Welcome Kristy Peterka to the SFCA Team!



**Kristy Peterka**  
Volunteer  
Social Media  
Coordinator  
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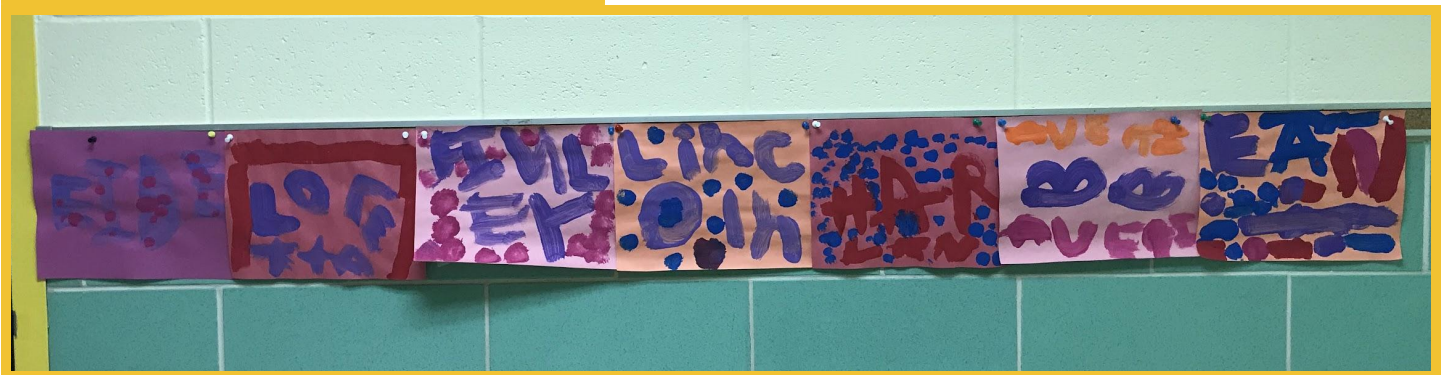
- Mother of Annalise (2nd) & Lincoln (K-Prep)
- Member of Summit Church
- Shortest commute to school

Submit school news to possibly feature on our Seeds of Faith Facebook page or website!

# Teacher Update: Preschool



THE PRESCHOOL HAS A LOT GOING ON THESE DAYS! FUN ARTS AND CRAFTS, A VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY, NEW CLASS WORK, AND LOTS OF SCRIPTURES CENTERED AROUND LOVING ONE ANOTHER. THE TEACHERS, MRS. CURREN AND MS. MORGAN ARE DOING A GREAT JOB TEACHING AND NURTURING THE KIDS!



## Teacher Update: Kindergarten

KINDERGARTEN IS HAVING A BUSY YEAR! LOTS OF CRAFTS, HOLIDAYS, AND NEW CLASS WORK TO DO! THEY LEARNED A NEW SONG FOR GROUNDHOG DAY, AND THEY SANG IT FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL. NICE WORK, KIDS! THEY ARE KEEPING THEMSELVES BUSY LEARNING NEW WORDS WHILE THEY READ, NEW MATH SKILLS, AND LOTS MORE!

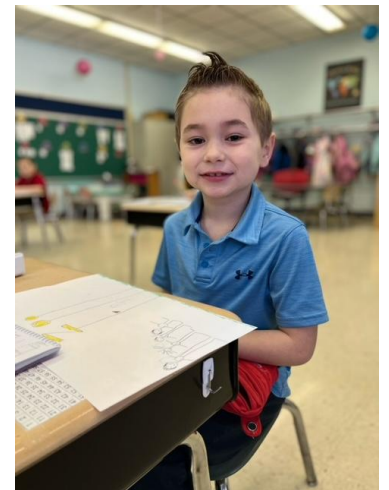


# Teacher Update: 1st Grade

By Mrs. Nelson



February is always a busy month! We have recently started science and we are really enjoying learning about God's world and doing science experiments. We had our 100th day of school where we sorted numbers 1-100 with Hershey Kisses, made art with 100 shapes, stacked 100 cups, and much more! On Valentine's day, we will be graphing candy hearts, exchanging treats and having a great day! I'm so proud of how much these kids are growing and learning in preparation for Second grade!



You will find all the 1st graders featured throughout the photos, which include Travis Mayhle, Dominic Kehathilwe, Emma Shobert, Eliza Philp, Mackenzie Montgomery, Uzziah Dishong, and Avaya Heilbrun.



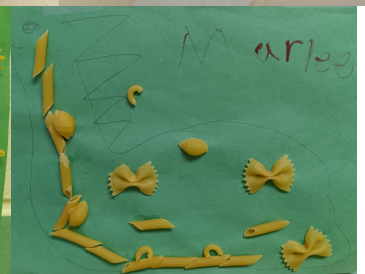
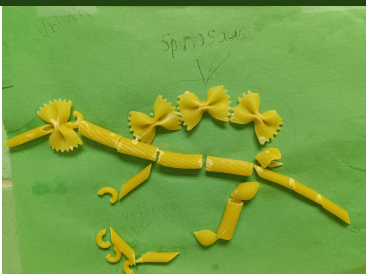
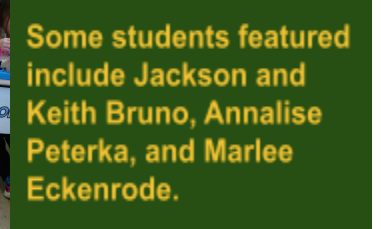
# Teacher Update: 2nd Grade

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. Then we had a lot of fun learning about dinosaurs and fossils. We discussed how our view of God's Word affects our view of fossils and dinosaurs. Second grade learned that many fossils were formed during the Flood. During this unit, we even got to dig for fossils! We had to dig the fossil (cherry) out of a rock (bon bon cookie). We ended the unit with a "Bag of Bones" activity. When scientists find dinosaur bones, they seldom find the bones together. They must try to figure out how the bones fit to form a skeleton. The students were given a bag of bones (pasta noodles) and had to build a dinosaur skeleton. Some of the students even choose to name their dinosaur.

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.

Some students featured include Jackson and Keith Bruno, Annalise Peterka, and Marlee Eckenrode.



# Teacher Update: 3rd Grade

By Mrs. Buterbaugh

Third grade is getting ready to plant some seeds for this year's garden. The National Dairy Council gave us seed, dirt and cowpots to facilitate this activity. We will plant next week, as it takes up to 8 weeks for seeds to germinate. This is good science, as the cowpots are made from what used to be cow manure. They are organic and can be placed in the soil without any transplanting.

Bryce Bieda and Rei Fulmer have received hand-written notes (in beautiful cursive writing) from state Senator Joe Pittman, sending congratulation, good wishes and copies of pictures from the monthly Gazette school column. Both students presented their notes during Show and Tell.

Several third graders are on the elementary basketball team, and obtained their first victory on Tuesday evening, February 8, at an away game in Somerset. Everyone was thrilled with the win, and glad to be part of the team effort.



Featured in the photo from left to right are Josh Philp, Rei Fulmer, Cailyn Farester, Brandon Crosby, Carson Shobert, Hudson Eckenrode, Jesiah Hopkins, and Bryce Bieda. Two classmates joined virtually, which include JoJo Gillenwater and Levi Echevarria.

## Teacher Update: 4th Grade

By Mrs. Wilson

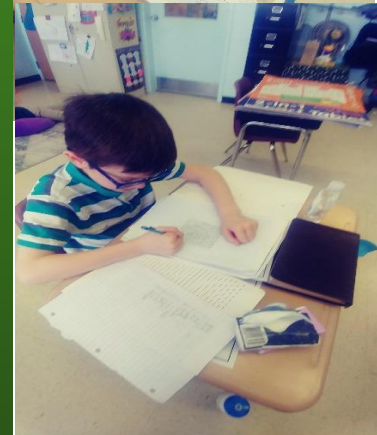
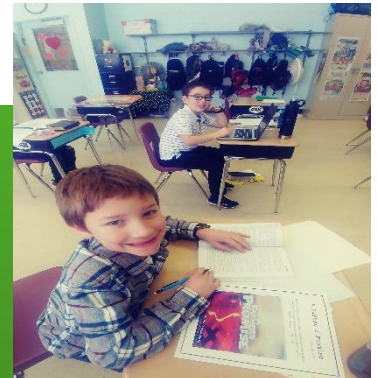
These students are enjoying Civics class and their first project. Each student chose one of the 13 original colonies to research and study. They gathered facts, pictures, a map, created a word search, wrote jokes, and created their version of a Shortcut's Page about the colony they chose.

These students, along with the fifth and sixth grade students, will perform Mrs. Wilson's Easter skit, "What Jesus Came to Do" during our chapel service on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and again that evening at 6:30 pm. I invite parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and anyone else who would like to attend the evening performance to come and witness this profound Easter message. You will be blessed!

You will also want to mark your calendar for what used to be our 'annual' Biography Museum at SFCA that is until COVID interfered. However, these students are so excited to be participating in the museum this year on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Your child has already been thinking about whom they would like to study and looking for a biography book for use at the museum. Thank you to Ms. Duchon for helping the children secure a biography book they are interested in reading. More information will follow.

The Apostle Paul wrote in Philippians, "*Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.*" Philippians 4:9

Some of the 4th grade students featured in the photos include Camden Dietrich, Tyler Kratz, Riley Syster, Finn Kimmel, Aria McNeal, and Cora Bruno.



## Middle School and High School Updates:

We are excited to announce that the 5th through 12th grade students had the opportunity to sign up for a school club. The clubs being offered are Nature Club, Student Newsletter/Newspaper Club, Games Club, and STEM Club. Clubs will meet once a month and you can find a description of each one below.

In the newsletter/newspaper club, we will work collaboratively to create the monthly newsletter. The newsletter will feature descriptions from each teacher about current activities and events. In this club we will be using shared Google Drives and documents, you may need to take photos at time, as well as make sure we create and design a good looking newsletter/newspaper. The goal of this club is to combine art, computers, and photography into one. This club will be run by Miss. Duchon.

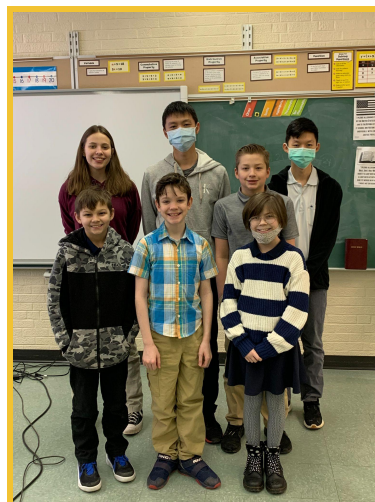
In the nature club, we will be exploring both plants and animals. In the spring, we will be doing some planting and caring for seedlings. Based on student interest and availability, we could ask Lisa Meadow from the Yellow Creek Learning center to come to the school to present to the students about a particular animal species or other topic of interest. This club will be run by Mrs. Partida.

Stem Club is a great and fun way to explore different aspects of science, technology, engineering, and math. We will work together with classmates to create and construct projects and hands-on activities. This may include things such as conducting a variety of experiments, constructing and building projects, and possibly having guest speakers. In STEM Club you will be having so much fun, you won't even realize that you are also learning. This club will be run by Mrs. McCracken.

Did you know playing games is not really all about playing games? Games Theory explores the relationship between strategic decision making and optimal results. What does winning (or losing) really mean? What does the zero sum rule mean?

Students will be playing games, either as a group (Deal or No Deal) or in small teams. Various strategy games will be provided and/or students will be given the option of bringing in their own favorites.

We will be discussing how playing games prepares us for playing the ultimate game of strategy and decision making - Life. This club will be run by Mrs. McLaughlin.





## Enrichment and Bible Class Updates:

The students in grades 5 - 6 are currently studying the Gospel of John, Chapters 1 -14.

They have studied the seven signs of Christ' glory and know that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God and that believing in Him , and all that entails, they can have eternal life.

They will continue the study of John chapters 15 - 21. It is hoped that they will fully appreciate the depth of God's love for them and others.

The students in grades 8 -10 and 10 - 12 are studying the book of 1 Peter. It is hoped that as Peter encouraged the disciples during terrible trials, the students will also be encouraged to draw closer to the Lord and demonstrate a deep love for others. In the midst of all their trials, Peter encouraged the disciples to stay true to the Lord and always be ready to share the hope we have in Him, but to do it with gentleness and respect. It is hoped that the students will be likewise encouraged.

All the classes have done a very good job making cards and writing notes to encourage the staff at IRMC.

The students are currently memorizing, and hopefully meditating on, John 16:33. The next memory verse will be 1 Peter 3:15.

Thank you for your students. They are a blessing!

From Mr. Johnson

### Important Music/Band Dates!

By Mrs. Bruno

- March 15th - Solo Student Recital (Time TBA)
- March 17th - Kindergarten through 3rd grade Spring Concert with Student Art Show
- March 23rd - County Band
- March 25th - Region Band (congratulations to Jocelyn Santoro!)
- April 8th - 4th through 12th Grade Spring Concert with Student Art Show at 6:30pm

### Upcoming Art Events!

By Miss. Duchon

I am excited to let you know that at the upcoming Spring Concerts there will also be Student Art Shows featuring artwork from every student in the grades performing.

There will also be People's Choice Voting for the artwork and the students from each category with the most votes will receive a special art trophy!



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The newsletter is being designed by the following students:

- Landon Bieda
- Corydon Metcalf
- Trinity Metcalf
- Sophia Chiu
- Manny Echevarria
- Katana Fulmer
- Tiaan Dekock
- Noble Ditch
- Henry Wolfe