

Nydamnews

a monthly newsletter from Joel Nydam



News & Updates

Dear Parents, **October 31, 2018**

It is already time for the second edition of the Nydam News. September and October have flown by and we are into our 2nd quarter of school. There have been many great stories from the teachers and students of great learning and excitement happening. One of my favorites happened just the other day. Two students were walking down the hallway and they didn't know that I was walking behind them. One student said to the other, "My dad always had to go to the principal's office when he was my age." The other student said, "Yeah, mine too." The student responded, "How come we are so good?" It just made me smile. I love being able to not only help students learn how to read, understand math concepts, and see how cool science experiments are, but also teach students how to love and honor God in their lives!

Thank you for continuing to partner with each of your child(ren)'s teachers and me to support your child and help him or her to be the amazing child that God created!



Upcoming Events

November 9: Veterans Day Assembly

From 8:30-9:15 a.m. on Friday, Nov 9th, you are invited to join our 3rd annual Veterans Day Assembly to show our respect, honor and love for those who are serving or have served our country.

November 15 – Not So Terrible Parable

The 5th and 6th grade students will perform the musical, *Not So Terrible Parable*. The Beginner Band will also be showcased this evening!

November 21 - 23 - Thanksgiving Break

November 30 - Bring A Friend to School Day

More information will be coming about this awesome day where students are encouraged to bring a friend to school to experience Legacy for the day. Mark your calendars!

Joke of the Month:

Q: Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?

A: Because the students were so bright!

Q: What did the circle say to the triangle?

A: I don't see your point!

Books/Resources to check out...

10 Apps that Every Parent Should Know about! Please check out this link to see what apps students are using. [LINK](#)

Art & Technology



Mr. Andy Anderson: Art/Tech

Thinking back on the last month, technology for the middle school and elementary grade students has focused around the concepts of basic construction and engineering, using Keva Planks to build with. What are Keva Planks? They are simple, maple wood blocks. Each piece is the same size and shape. Each plank is about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick, $\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide and $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches long. Students are introduced to the very basics of stacking and construction methods using the planks, and then explored various build challenges by stacking, balancing and arranging the planks. No glue, no connectors; which really pushes students to consider how to counterbalance, stabilize and arrange their builds. Students seem to really love using the planks and taking on challenges they are tasked with. Build challenges are tailored to fit the varying grade levels and can be accomplished solo, with a partner, or among their table of four. Here are some great images of builds students accomplished this past week:



Ms. Jayme Buchelt: Art/Tech

Preschool: Celebrated our special guests and grandparents with a handprint painting gift.
Kindergarten: Are exploring the jungle with Henri Rousseau and his jungle animals. Each student has picked their own jungle animal and are ready to sculpt them out of air dry clay.
First Grade: After learning about word balance and composition, they created a map with different styles of paper sculpting techniques to use in one final sculpture.
Second Grade: Fresh out of the kiln, they prepared to paint their clay fish sculptures. All the fish created came out of the kiln white as the clay, and left the classroom beautiful and unified with color!



The students learned how unity in our faith can unify us in our art. They were challenged with this thought during the creative process through verbal questioning and written response.
Third Grade: Traveled back in time to the beginning of the industrial revolution where we learned about futurist painters and how they loved creating art that showed movement.
Fourth Grade: Are creating low relief sculptures that use strategically placed lines and geometric shapes just like the 20th century cubist painter, Piet Mondrian used.
5th/6th Grade: Lorenzo Ghiberti was a 15th century sculpture whose art was influenced by biblical stories. Students are challenged to create a low relief sculpture of their favorite Bible story using cardboard, 3D paint and tinfoil.
7th/8th Grade: Learning about relief carving is an important technique to help any artist understand perspective and space. Students have created a practice sculpture before carving their image out in clay.
Kindergarten-2nd Grade Tech: Safety on the Internet
We use three rules: Always ask your parents first.
Only talk to people you know. Only go on websites that are just right for you.
We're practicing safety on the internet by researching their favorite animals and writing what they have learn from their research.

PhyEd



Mrs. Cheryl Fregeau

PE and Health Teacher

Mrs. Fregeau is featuring her Kindergarten classes this month. They are learning about jumping using both jump ropes and jump sticks. To integrate reading students are forming the ropes into letters to spell out words.



The 1st-6th graders focused on soccer skills most of the month. They spent most of their PE time improving their dribbling, trapping, and passing skills through a variety of drills and activities. The first graders ended their unit with mini games of 4 on 4.

Once the 3-4th graders polished their skills and because they are smaller classes they played full court indoor soccer and learned the differences between indoor and outdoor. The emphasis was on playing their position on the court and in the field.

The 5-6th grade girls ended their unit with written soccer assessments. The 5th graders focused on a peer evaluation of the 'Throw In' skill and the 6th graders went through four soccer stations.



Mr. Todd Manske

PE and Health Teacher

In October the 2nd-6th grade classes learned some challenging football skills. Students learned how to play Razzle-Dazzle, a football game similar to Ultimate Frisbee. Students also learned the basic rules of Flag Football. The students have been working on push-ups, sit-ups, and pull-ups to get ready for fitness testing in the latter part of November. Fitness test will consist of sit-ups, pull-ups, sit and reach, and a shuttle run. This last week we started working on volleyball skills and playing lead up games.



Band/Choir



Band Director



Choir Director

Three of our Elementary Band students are working on a trumpet trio entitled: “A-Rovin”



They will be performing this song at the 5th-6th grade Fall program on:

Thursday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Meadow Creek Church Worship Center.

See you there!

PreK - 4th Grade

W-I-S-D-O-M spells wisdom, I need it! *W-I-S-D-O-M* in your word, I find it! I need your wisdom Lord each day! Many of you parents may have heard these words being sung at home or in the car lately. These lyrics come from the theme song of our recent Grandparents and Special Guest Day program last Friday. The entire PreK-4th grade spent the month of October preparing their songs for this special day. What a joy to share songs of wisdom with our guests!

5th - 6th Grade “A Not So Terrible Parable” Musical - A Hallmark Experience. Students in each grade level will have special learning opportunities that we at Legacy term a *Hallmark Experience*. The 5th-6th grade Fall musical is one of those Hallmark experiences with a long standing tradition at Legacy. Through this experience, students grow in musicianship, use of their voice and body for communication, and teamwork. Most of all, I love how the message of the songs will remain in the hearts of our students! Music, drama, and the creative arts can play a powerful role in giving our children a strong foundation in faith. Please pray for our students and performance day:



Wednesday, November 14: *Dress Rehearsal* (during chapel) 8:15 - 9:00 a.m. in the MCC Worship Center

Thursday, November 15: *5th-6th Fall Program* featuring the LCA Lion Band & the musical at 7:00 p.m. in the MCC Worship Center

Media Center



Media Center Specialist

Thank you to everyone who attended the Scholastic book fair. This was our highest number of sales and most attended book fair to date!



Pre-K and Kindergarten - We have been reading books about manners and creating lists of below the line and above the line manners.

1st Grade - Much of October was spent illustrating and understanding what an illustrator does. First graders created a self-portrait of a good or bad day, (*Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day*) and a second self-portrait of “What I will look like as a grandparent”. Finally, we read several Mo Williams books and learned how to illustrate Mo William’s pigeon character.

2nd Grade - They love nonfiction. We are currently working on a nonfiction book and will write fun facts in a take home book we created in class. We are getting our information from the popular book series, *The Magic School Bus*.

3rd Grade - We are continuing our read aloud book, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. We hope to have the book finished by Christmas. Third graders are working on creating a WORDLE, using words to describe one of their favorite characters from the book. Look for images in the hallway by the Media Center.

4th Grade - Book Character Pumpkins have become a display favorite at the Rum River Library. I am so proud of the hard work and creativity the 4th graders put into this project!

