

# The Hancock Herald

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## Voyages!

The students have been blessed to have Pastor Nelson and Deaconess Beth Dittmer as their teachers during the past week. These two experts shared the good news of God's love and salvation through the gifts of Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper with the children this week. They even took a "field trip" to the chapel for a lesson.

## Look for...

Today the second graders brought home next week's pattern word spelling list. These words will be tested on Friday. There are 12 pattern spelling words and three challenge words. The challenge words are optional. Memory work is also included. Memory work is to be recited on Wed. and Fri. mornings. A copy of memory and spelling words can be downloaded from our school website.

The third grade spelling list can be found on the web site. During Mrs. Jahnke's absence, third grade will be given their spelling test on Friday.



## Week Twenty-eight

The second and third grade students have been participating in a novel study of the Newberry award winning story *Sarah Plain and Tall*. This story, which is set in the 1900s, tells of a pioneer family living in the Plains. The mother died in childbirth, and the father places an ad for a mail order bride to come and live with him and his two children. Sarah answers the ad and comes to visit the family. The children instantly fall in love with Sarah, but they worry if she will be willing to leave her home in Maine to live with them in the Plains. While this novel certainly helps us improve our reading skills, it also introduces the children to some interesting new vocabulary words. We are taking advantage of this by looking up the new vocabulary words before reading each chapter. The children are asked to answer some questions from each chapter that require them to infer and use their higher-order thinking skills. They are also practicing answering in complete sentences. In addition to the reading, vocabulary work, class discussion, and short answer questions, the students also have the opportunity to utilize their writing skills by composing a paragraph that applies to their reading for the day. We will continue with the novel unit the week we return from break and conclude our study by watching the Hallmark movie that was adapted from the story. We are also continuing with our

... You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

spelling and grammar work from our regular language arts curriculum. All of this makes for a rather busy and productive language arts time!

Our science lessons for the week centered on part God's wonderful creation – the solar system. We learned the difference between gas planets and rock planets and read about some of the properties specific to each planet in our solar system. We will continue our work with the solar system when we return from break.

The second graders began a math unit on measurement this week. We began by using non-standard units of measurement like paper clips and cubes and progressed to inches, feet, centimeters, and meters. We also learned how to calculate perimeter and when this might be a useful skill to know.

The third graders are having fun with geometry and Mrs. Mahoney during their math time. In addition to this important topic, they are learning some fun songs to help them remember what they have learned. You might want to ask your child for a concert. ☺ Mrs. Mahoney welcomes any questions you might have during her tenure as third grade math teacher.



Leviticus 19:1-2

## Extra, Extra...

It has been a week full of fun, learning, and figuring out the new routine. The children have done exceptionally well with this. I have enjoyed reconnecting with the third graders and watching my second graders have the ability to interact with more students in the classroom. They are a wonderful group of children, and I am thankful and blessed to be able to spend my days with them.

Mrs. Jahnke continues to heal and endure the rehabilitation process at Marianjoy. Please keep her in your prayers.

Enjoy your spring break. I wish you all the rest and renewal that comes with this special time of year. God's blessings to each of you as you celebrate the death and resurrection of our Savior, and the gift of eternal life that is ours through Him. He is risen, He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Mrs. Hancock

Working hard in 2/3 grade!



*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Matt. 22:37*