



Upcoming Events

- 12/7 - Blue Jeans Day
- 12/22 - Christmas Parties
- 12/22 - Last day of 2nd Quarter
- 12/24 - Children's Christmas Service, 4:30 and 6 PM
- 12/23-1/5 - Christmas Break

Sports next Week

- 12/8 - Conditioning Practice - Acoma Park, 3:30-4:45 PM
- 12/10 - Conditioning Practice - Acoma Park, 3:30-4:45 PM
- 12/10 - Softball, Soccer, and Volleyball Sports Recognition, 5-6 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- 12/12 - Cross-Country meet at Mountain View Park in Mesa, 10 AM
- 12/14 - Girls basketball meeting, 4:45 PM
- 12/15 Boys basketball meeting, 4:45 PM

All School News

Gift Exchange - Each classroom (Preschool-8th) will be having a gift exchange on Tuesday, December 22nd, during their Christmas Party. The way it works is like this. Each boy in a classroom buys a gift suitable for a boy in their room and each girl in a classroom buys a gift suitable for a girl in their room. Bring the gift to school before Tuesday, December 22nd, marked "For a boy from _____ or for a girl from _____". The amount we are asking to be spent on the gift is \$10.00.

Children's Christmas Eve Service
The children prek-8th grade will once again be leading a special worship service on Christmas Eve (Dec. 24th) at 4:30 & 6 pm. This year's service is entitled "Come, Lord Jesus". In this service the children will sing songs and recite passages to help us prepare our hearts for the birth of our Savior. The children will send the next few weeks learning those songs and passages. It is very important to know which students will not be able to attend, so please inform your child's teacher if that is the case.

Mid-Week Advent Services - The church season of advent is upon us. Advent means coming and it is during this season that we prepare our hearts for celebrating our Savior's birth but also prepare for our Lords triumphant return. To get prepared, Emmaus will be having services at 7pm on the Wednesday leading up to Christmas. Before the services at 6 pm you are invited to a soup & sandwich supper.

Cross Country/Basketball Conditioning - About 2 weeks ago, a note was sent home explaining the

upcoming cross-country and basketball conditioning practices. Those practices started last week. We will continue one more week of those practices on Tues. & Thurs. from 3:30 - 5:00 pm at Acoma Park (north of Thunderbird on 39th Ave.). All students wishing to run the cross-country meet and ALL those wishing to participate in basketball must attend these practices. If you didn't see the note, ask Mr. Hintz.

Cross Country Meet - Our cross-country meet is Saturday, December 12 at Mountain View Park in Mesa starting at 10 AM. If 3-8 graders would like to run in the meet and have not signed up yet, please speak with Mr. Hintz by Monday, December 7.

Blue Jean Day - Our next Spirit Day is this Monday, Dec. 7. The theme for this day is Blue Jeans. So come to school with your blue jeans and get a prize ticket.

Emmaus Lutheran Teen Group - Our church's teen group (8th grade - high school) will be having their Christmas party tonight at the Hintz house. 8th graders are welcome to attend. If you have any question, speak with Mr. Hintz.

Basketball Standards - With basketball fast approaching, we are looking into getting 2 more portable basketball standards. If you have one in good condition that you wish to donate to school or if you would like to contribute toward the purchase, please see Mr. Kaiser or Mr. Hintz.

Classroom News and Notes

PRESCHOOL

Christ Light – “God Leads His People Through the Red Sea”

We are halfway through the alphabet and are doing a good job with the letter recognition and letter sounds. We continue to review our shapes and colors; some of us still struggle in these areas so any extra practice at home will greatly benefit your child.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Christ Light – “God Gives the Ten Commandments” and “The Golden Calf”

We are working on their recitations and songs for the Christmas services on December 24th. It is a busy time of the year. Please see that your child is getting enough sleep.

KINDERGARTEN

Christ Light – “God Gives the Ten Commandments” and “The Golden Calf”

Kindergarten is working in their E book and they are now able to sound out many words. They are also working on their recitations and songs for the Christmas services on December 24th.

In math they are working with their geoboards to copy shapes.

FIRST & SECOND

Christ Light – “God Gives the Ten Commandments” and “The Golden Calf”

Hymn – Peace Came to Earth due Dec. 11th

Book Report –

Spelling – Grade 1 – Unit 8; Grade 2 – Unit 16

Memory Treasure:

December 8, And there were.....
Suddenly.....
In Nazareth verse 1

December 10, Jesus came
Jesus came.....
In Nazareth verse 2

Book Orders are due on December 9th.

THIRD & FOURTH

Christ Light – “God Feeds the People in the Desert” and “Water from a Rock and a Victory Battle”

Memory Work:

Christmas Service – The children should be working on this every night.

Next weeks spelling test is on Unit 16.

Thank you to Jared Brown for playing piano in chapel today. Good job!

Christmas gifts of \$10.00 value for a classmate may be brought to school anytime before our party on December 22nd. Girls bring a gift for a girls and boys a gift for a boy.

Each child should be working on times tables.

I’ve seen a lot of improvement on the work in Reading Logs. Keep up the good work!

FIFTH & SIXTH

Religion - The Person of the Holy Spirit and The Blessings of the Holy Spirit

The **Christmas Service** was handed out this week and recitations and songs were assigned on Wednesday. Please ask your child to see their Christmas service and help them memorize and review their parts. This service is a wonderful opportunity for our students to share the wonderful message of their Savior’s birth.

SEVENTH & EIGHTH

Religion – We will continue our study on the Muslim religion and also work on the Christmas

Eve service.

English - Due on Monday is the final copy of the opinion essay that we have been working this past week.

Book Report - There will be NO December book report. The next one will be January 8 and will be a book of your choice.

History - Monday, December 7 and Wednesday, December 9 will be after schoolwork days for the history project from 3:30-5:00 PM. If students would like some help with their project, please come to Mr. Hintz's room at 3:30.

Book orders are due on December 9th.

Parents' Corner

In all parts of their lives, children with great manners have a powerful advantage over those who do not. They make friends easier, get along better with their teachers, and eventually make much better employees and spouses. Here are four techniques that will give your child this life-long gift:

Tip No. 1: Make a list

Sit down with your kids and make a list of the specific behaviors polite people display. Have fun with this activity. Your written list might look something like:

- Say "please" and "thank you"
- Eat with their mouths closed
- Burp in the privacy of their own rooms
- Say "excuse me" Hold doors open for people

Tip No. 2: Model these manners

Children learn much more from our actions than from our words

Tip No. 3: Provide kids what they want only when they use manners

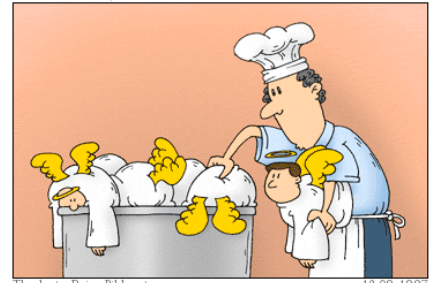
When parents use Love and Logic, they don't waste their breath lecturing about good manners. Instead, they very politely refuse to provide what their kids want unless they hear a sweet "please" or "thank you" and see the other behaviors on their "manner list." For this to work, parents must respond to requests with polite sadness instead of anger or sarcasm. For example, a parent

might say in a sad tone of voice, "This is such a bummer. We can't go to the movies today because you need more practice with manners first." A parent who sets this limit, avoids anger or sarcasm, and holds firm by staying home will see a very upset child in the short-term and a much happier, more responsible one in the long-term.

Tip No. 4: Expect them to repay you for any embarrassment they cause

If your child continues to be rude, he or she may need to repay you for the embarrassment or inconvenience created. With genuine empathy and sadness, a parent might say, "How sad! Your rudeness at Aunt Mary's house really drained the energy out of me. I've been too tired to clean the bathrooms. When you get them done, I'm sure I'll feel a whole lot better." If the child refuses or forgets to do the chore, wise parents don't lecture or threaten. Instead, they quietly allow their child to "pay" for their bad manners with one of their favorite toys. Thousands of parents have transformed manner monsters into polite kids who are a pleasure to be around. At one Love and Logic seminar, a parent commented, "When I used these tips, my boys almost immediately started to shape up. They even warned one of their rather rude friends who was visiting: 'Better stop burping...Our mom's gonna make you do chores.'" Give these Love and Logic tips a try, and see how much fun parenting can be!

Cartoon



Thanks to Brian Pikklaart 12-09-1997
HAVING LOST THE RECIPE, DON TRIES TO MAKE AN ANGEL FOOD CAKE FROM MEMORY

Zudoku

How to Play: Every column, row, and box must have written in the numbers 1-9 without repeating.

	6		4	1	5
3			5		8 4
					2 7
6			3	1	5
	7 5				6 3
		3 6	9		2
4 3					
	1 7		4		3
8	6	3		1	

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