

SOTL School News

“Faith, Knowledge, Discipleship”

(810) 227-6473

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EQUIPPING PARENTS

AN INNOVATIVE READING PROGRAM



Children fall back in their reading skills over the summer even for average readers. Knowing this, parents frequently seek out professional help to deal with their concerns. This can become quite expensive and is, at times, simply a rehashing of classroom reading instruction received during the school year.

There is an interesting option available named “Equipping Parents.” With this unique program, the child and the parent are paired with a reading therapist, who in addition to providing reading intervention, engages and enables the parent to support their child’s reading development. Following their weekly session, the parent has relatively short but specific assignments to follow-up during the week with their child. Upon returning for the next session, tutorial support is directed to the child along with successive support from the therapist. So we see, therapeutic goals not only include maintaining and enhancing the reading skills of the child, but also enriching the parent-child bond and enabling the parent by increasing skills in partnering with their child in his/her learning processes.

This program is being offered at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran School. Sessions begin the week of June 21 and are typically scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The targeted population is early elementary children/children who are struggling with the acquisition of skills. Therapists are teachers who have taught reading to early elementary children or professionals who have a Masters in Reading or a related field.

Contact the school office at (810) 227-6473 for more information.

Dr. Jim



It's Too Quiet!

Much to my dismay, the halls around church are quiet this week. School's out for summer! I really miss having the kids around. Partnering with parents to pass along the faith to the next generation is the most important thing we do around here.

The School Leadership Team met this past week. We are delighted to be welcoming three new excellent members to the team. They will be trained at the end of June and early July. One of the major things we'll be working on is how to make our school more visible in the community. We have a great school. I just saw our students reading and math assessments. They are outstanding! I'm proud to be a parent of school children at Shepherd of the Lakes. We teach the kids well. Admittedly though, we could do a better job of letting people know about it.

To that end, what are some suggestions you have in marketing our school? I'd be interested to hear them. If you have a way that you think we're missing the boat, shoot me a line at mmilatz@shepherdsvoice.org. (And don't forget, the best marketing is still you talking about our school and church to your friends and neighbors.)

Pastor Milatz

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Our Mission

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran School nurtures children with Jesus' love to grow spiritually, thrive academically, and mature socially

Classroom News



On Friday, June 5, the following awards were handed out:

Perfect School Attendance - Ethan Gatien, Emma Johnson, Tyler Wilson

Excellent School Attendance - Logan Betke, Amelia Croucher, Arianna Croucher, Henry Gaertner, Tiffany Jentz, Abigail Milatz, Rachel Ohrt, Sara Ohrt, Jenna Shurtleff, Laurel Shurtleff

Perfect Church Attendance - Amelia Croucher, Arianna Croucher, Konrad Lautenschlager, Max Lautenschlager, Abigail Milatz

Excellent Church Attendance - Emma Johnson, Nathaniel King, Louis Kraft, Jacob Mann, Marissa Mann, Jill McCall, Mitchell McCall, Rachel Ohrt, Sara Ohrt, Kaitlyn Straub, Aidan Weaver, Rory Weaver, Luke Woods, Julia Woods, Hunter Yeakey

Our First Grade Classroom was awarded Master Classroom in Reading by Renaissance Learning. Each student received a Master Student award for growth in reading skills: Logan Betke, Jacob Bloink, Paul Boik, Colton Choroba, Amelia Croucher, Arianna Croucher, Sophia Fitrakis, Henry Gaertner, Brian Guo, Nathaniel King, Mitchell McCall, Abigail Milatz, Sara Ohrt, Laurel Shurtleff, Nikolias Spewock, and Hunter Yeakey. Mrs. Deheim was awarded Master Teacher for helping each student achieve excellent growth at his/her level.

Upcoming Events



June 21
July 11-15
July 26
August 2
August 23

Scrip Order Due
VBS
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SOTL Summer Reading Program



Numerous studies have shown that children in the early elementary grades regress in their reading skills over the summer unless a conscious effort is made to practice these skills on a consistent basis. On-grade and below grade readers are most at risk, which can lead to an ongoing struggle with reading for the child.

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran School is pleased to announce that we are offering a summer reading program to help combat regression. This program is open to all children (not just SOTL students), and provides one-on-one reading support. Sessions lasting 50 minutes are offered once a week, on Tuesday or Thursday mornings. The program begins June 21, and can run 4, 6 or 8 weeks, depending on the child's needs.

The child's reading level will be determined through the use of diagnostic tests, and then each session will feature 25 minutes with a reading therapist, and 25 minutes of guided reading assistance. The cost is \$25 per session plus a \$25 registration fee. Parental support is also provided to maximize the benefits to the child. If you would like more information, please call the school at (810) 227-6473. Registration forms are available at the school desk in the Commons.

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