



# Grade 1/2 Newsletter

October 14, 2014

## Important Dates:



### Library Books

Return on **Tuesday**  
(Miss Gray's Class)

Return on **Wednesday**  
(Miss Woof's Class)

**Thursday:** Please return  
leveled readers for  
assessment☺

**October 24<sup>th</sup>:** Pro-D Day  
(No School)

## A Note From Miss Gray



*No matter what happens,  
always be thankful, for this is  
God's will for you who belong to  
Christ Jesus. 1Thes 5:18*

In our last all school chapel, we held up red or green slips of paper to vote on whether it was easy or difficult to thank God in given situations. A sea of green slips shot up around the gym at the images of receiving candy or gifts, countered by a multitude of red when a bad grade on a test or a losing team popped up on the screen. But what happened next resonated with me for longer than anything else spoken that day. As an image of a trip to Disneyland popped up, and the green slips flew into the air, a small red slip went up beside me and a young voice rang out, "Actually, it would be harder to be thankful then, because you would be so distracted by the good stuff and you might forget to thank God."

How true it is that when we think it is the easiest to be thankful, we often forget to express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father.

I truly thank God for this reminder he gave me through the mouth of a child. May we continue to thank God in all situations, no matter what is going on around us.

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## Joke of the Week:

What do you call cheese  
that's not yours?



Nacho cheese!



*"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go."— Dr. Seuss*

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## Show and Tell Schedule

### **Monday**

Travis, Ethan N, Robert,  
Grayson, Bodre, Brady, Mikaila,  
Jimmy, Jake, Jordyn, Coral

### **Tuesday**

Ethan R, Gabby, Moji, Eli, Riley,  
Marshall, Benny, Mitchell, Mary,  
Savannah, Jaden, Liam K.

### **Wednesday**

Ethan A, Asher, Liam G.,  
Catherina, Nevaeh, Joshua,  
Brody, Kiran, Vanessa,  
Raymond, Kayly

### **Thursday**

Tavian, Gabe, Ava, Renee,  
Helanna, Joel, Ethan V.,  
Locklyn, Gideon



## Skating

Thank you to all of those  
who have shown interest  
in helping with putting on  
and taking off skates in  
November!

**Skating permission  
slips** will be sent  
home at the end of  
this week. ☺



## Leveled Readers

On Monday, students were sent home with a reader in a zip lock bag that was either at or just above their current reading level. The purpose of these books was to practice reading at home with fluency, smoothness, and expression. On Thursday, each child will be asked to read their book to a teacher. On Friday, students will receive a new reader. If they are sent home with the same reader, this simply means that they should continue practicing to read this book more fluidly for next time ☺.

Thank you for continuing to read with your child at home as they grow into confident readers!

## Sight Word Booklets

This week we will be focusing on List #4 in class. If your child can successfully read through lists 1-12 in their sight word booklet, level 2 is currently available upon request to take home and begin.



## PEG

PEG (Personal Enrichment Groups) will be starting today. During these times your child will be placed in a group at their own personal level for phonics, writing, and math. These groups will help your child improve on their skills in these areas because they have smaller student to teacher ratios, they are placed with other children at a similar level from K-2, and students may be moved to other groups depending on their ability to acquire the skills being taught. These groups are in addition to the teaching of phonics, writing, and math during our regular class schedules.