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**A Newsletter from the Office of the Associate
Heads of School**

St. Luke's Soccer Team - 2 - TMI - 3
Great Job Team!

HOMEWORK HINTS:

In the previous Tiger Talk we presented some general information about homework. Each week for the next several weeks we will be offering suggestions to help you help your child succeed with homework.

Hint 1: Read with your child regularly. Snuggle up with your kindergartener’s favorite picture book at bedtime. Read aloud a chapter from your third, fourth or fifth-grader’s adventure novel while you’re waiting at an appointment. Marvel with your middle school child over an outrageous letter to the editor in the morning paper.

Even five minutes of shared reading every day will help your child develop the skill and love of reading that is so essential in school success.

- Share newspaper and magazine stories, notes, and letters, even junk mail. Remember reading is not just something that happens with books.
- Use the library. It’s FREE!
- Read what your child is reading in school for pleasure. Then talk about what you have read.

WELCOME NEW CHESS TEACHER TO THE SLES FAMILY:

Mr. Anderson was educated at Trinity University, is a chess master, the editor of the Texas Knights Magazine and the San Antonio Chess Club News, has taught chess to young children for close to twenty years, received the career achievement award from the US Chess Federation in 2008, and has even published a book on “the Portuguese variation” which apparently is a fiendish chess move.

ST. LUKE'S 8TH GRADE IS SELLING 2009-2010 CALENDAR/DIRECTORIES.

St. Luke's has gone green, but many people would like a printed calendar/directory to keep at their desk, in their car, etc. The 8th Grade class has printed the calendar/directory for the 2009-1010 school year and will be selling them for \$10. The 8th Graders are using this fundraiser to help support their class gift to the school and other graduation activities.

The calendar/directories will be sold on the following days:



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- Thursday, September 17, 7:30-8:00 am and after school at carpool.
- Friday, September 18, 7:30-8:00 am and after school at carpool.
- Tuesday, September 22, after school at carpool.
- Thursday, September 24, after school at carpool.

SPIRIT DAY THIS FRIDAY, September 18:

SLES will be celebrating Fall Sports at our Pep Rally on Friday. Wear your team jersey or a St. Luke’s t-shirt to show your spirit. The Athletic Council will be rubbing on tattoos at lunch and we will end the day with a Pep Rally at 2:45 pm in the gymnasium.

GO TIGERS!!!

IDENT-A-KID PROGRAM:

The Ident-A-Kids identification program is scheduled to be on our campus on September 23 from 8-11 a.m. Application envelopes will be coming home today. Ident-a-Kid will photograph, fingerprint, weigh, and measure your child. If you would like to participate, fill in the application envelope, and return it with your child on or before the September 23 date. All information is confidential and will be returned with your completed Ident-a-Kid card. **None of your child’s information is shared or kept in any database.** Ident-a-Kid procedures will be held in room 202.

HEADS UP FOR EARLY PICK-UP, PLEASE:

Please give a heads up when you are picking up children in the middle of the day. If you will please call, 826-0664, ahead of time, we can have your child in the office at the desired time.

ATHLETIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Events for this week:

- Thursday, Sept. 17 Volleyball to TMI-B Team plays at 4:30, A Team plays at 5:30
- Sept. 19, Saturday Cross Country Meet at SACS - Races begin at 9:00 a.m.
- Saints Football, Wednesday, Sept. 16- San Antonio Academy vs. Saints at St. Mary's Hall-game begins at 5:00 p.m.

Coach Muniz said the soccer team did a great job Monday in a close game. The final score against TMI was 3-2 in favor of TMI.

ORIGINAL ART WORKS NOW CALLED SQUARE ONE ART:

St. Luke's is participating once again in a program that turns your children's art into professional quality full color products. This year, we've switched to a new company, Square One, which offers all of the same products and more, including free stickers. Mrs. Sarinana, Mrs. Saks, and the PreK 3 and 4 teachers are all working with your children right now on the art that will be submitted. If you are interested in submitting any other artwork, please call Wendy Atwell at 288-5228 to obtain the special paper that must be used. Also, ATTENTION MIDDLE



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SCHOOLERS, if you are interested in making anything for the program, but you aren't taking an art elective, please contact Mrs. Atwell for paper as well. **DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER**

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THE TERK OUTDOOR SCHOOL AT SLES: Fifth and sixth grade students will be receiving important information via the back pack express today with regard to their outdoor school experience Oct. 7th - 9th . Fifth graders will travel to New Braunfels to go to T Bar M. Sixth graders will travel to Leakey to go to the H.E. Butt camp site. Parents, please return the **liability release and medical forms by Monday, Sept. 21st**

EPISCOPAL SCHOOL SUNDAY IS COMING:

Episcopal School Sunday is September 27th at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. This year, Dr. Reford will be inducted as our new Head of School. We would like to have a large turn out in order to grant him a warm welcome to St. Luke's. **Please let Ms Ritchey know if your child/children will be able to attend by sending a "Yes" or "No" to her email kritchey@sles-sa.org BY THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2009. Please include the student name(s) and homeroom teacher(s). Grades 1st - 8th will be performing at this service.**

If your child is attending, he/she is asked to arrive at 10:00 a.m. in the gymnasium wearing dress uniform. The performance will be at 10:30 a.m. in the church.

FIRST GRADE CELEBRATION CHAPEL:

All first grade parents are extended a special invitation to attend Chapel services on Friday, September 25. All SLES first graders will be performing in this Chapel service.

DON'T STAND IN LINE:

Want to avoid standing in a long line to get into the SLES 7/8-grade dance Friday night? Buy your wristband early. Wristbands will be on sale for \$5.00 at 7/8 grade lunch periods on Friday, September 18, 2009

REMINDER:

Spanish teacher, Terry Jo Gough, wants to remind students and parents that a spring break trip to Spain is being arranged. Contact tgough@sles-sa.org for details.

PK3-THE REGGIO-EMILIA WAY:

Miss Karen, our PK3 teacher, is using some methodology from the Reggio-Emilia early childhood education program in working with our youngest tigers. The Reggio-Emilia program uses children’s interests to inform instruction. One very important component of the program is listening to children and documenting how they learn. Below is an example of such documentation from Miss Karen and Miss Lettie’s PK3 class.



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Here is a rain observation done in the PreK3 classroom last week.

Mrs. Lettie was in our main room with Chase, James, George, Nancy Nell, MacKenzie and Stella when it started to rain heavily outside. The children came over to the window.

Mrs. Lettie: "Where do you think the rain comes from?"

James: "the rain cloud"

Mrs. Lettie: "How do you think the rain feels?"

James: "It feels warm"

George: "It feels soft"

Stella: "I don't like the rain to fall on my clothes."

Mrs. Lettie: "How does it feel on your clothes?"

Stella: "It feels cold" (giving herself a hug to show she is cold)

MacKenzie: "It feels so nice!" (big smile)

Nancy Nell: "It feels tasty" (rubs her tummy)

Chase: listens and watches

What a learning experience about their thoughts/ideas about rain!

R.E.A.D. ALL ABOUT IT:

Pre-K 4 worked on the sounds for /g/ and /o/ this week. Children read two books to reinforce these letters. Gorilla, Be Good and Olive the Octopus's Day of Juggling. We played Rhyming Jingo where we listened to riddles and had to find the picture that rhymed with words in the riddle. We also worked on opposites by putting together opposite puzzles.

Kindergarten has worked on rhyming and beginning sounds.

THRILLING THIRD GRADE!

Third grade had their first science lab last Tuesday. Students learned rules of the lab and about the microscope and how to use it. Today the lab consisted of identifying objects from each scientific class of animals. Students were asked to bring items from home. The third grade teachers, Camia Hyslop and Mimi March, compiled collections for classification from what the students and the teachers brought. Some items of interest were a bobcat skin, an emu egg, various bird nests, horns, dried fish and reptiles of all sorts. Mrs. Vaughan and Mrs. Atherton, third grade parents, helped the teachers set up and run the lab. Third grade looks forward to their weekly time together in the lab

FASCINATING FOURTH GRADE:

In Math:

Fourth Grade has been excelling in math and science by putting their higher order thinking skills to use. After learning geometric terms, they applied the knowledge by using a digital camera to capture nature and man’s examples of specified angles and lines. They then put the photos to use by creating challenge classification pictures for one another. This week they completed another exciting lesson by using their knowledge of radius and diameter to measure pancakes they cooked in cooperative groups in the classroom. Up next, they will venture into



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the 3-D world.

In Science:

In science, the fourth graders are busy designing circuits, interpreting schematic diagrams, and discovering the roles of various components in a system. In fact, you may have seen them roaming the halls testing items to determine if they were conductors or insulators. They have been very focused on analyzing materials and drawing conclusions based on the data they gather. In addition, the fourth grade science classes have been synthesizing their knowledge and skills to solve and design mystery circuits. Their hands-on labs have been electrifying!

CELEBRATE FREEDOM WEEK:

It is Celebrate Freedom Week, and the 7th -8th graders are taking time to reflect on what freedom means. We are watching dramatic readings of the Declaration of Independence and reading the Bill of Rights in class. We will also look at how our nation's heritage and history is preserved as we investigate the function and accessibility of the National Archives. To finish off the week, the 7th and 8th graders will write their own, humorous declaration of independence to their teachers and parents. The goal for the week is to have a better understanding and appreciation for the freedoms we often take for granted.

JUDAISM & CHRISTIANITY: Last week, Ms. Howell's second period 6th grade history class presented a puppet skit entitled, "Moses" to the children in the Mustard Seed class. The sixth grade is studying a unit on Judaism and Christianity; and this skit was a part of that study. It appeared to be a smash hit since we have been asked back for an encore performance. Other fifth and sixth grade students will be given the opportunity to perform skits in the future. Students have been comparing and contrasting the two religions. Dr. Catherine Spezia shared some elements of the Passover tradition. Students looked through a Haggadah, were shown a Seder Plate, tasted Charoset & Matzah, and learned the significance of the Passover celebration.

GLADIATORS ON THE SLES FRONT LAWN: Eighth grade students have been studying gladiators in their Latin class. Students performed skits and read their short stories that included non-fiction historical sites and people.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Change in location: St. Luke's Fall Book Fair

Oct. 29, 2009 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. @ Barnes & Noble (San Pedro Crossing) 321 NW Loop 410 #104.
Costume party, games, student presentations & BOOKS!

Change: Blessing of the Pets will be held on Monday, October 5, 2009 instead of October 2nd so that Middle School students can also attend.

September 18th - Spirit Day. Fall Sports Pep Rally @ 2:45pm McNab Gym
7th&8th grade Dance at SLES McNab Gym 7pm-10 pm

September 19th - 6th grade Dance at SLES McNab Gym 7pm-10pm

September 22nd - Heading to High School for 8th grade parents and students, 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall

September 24th - Parent Council Meeting at 8:05 am in the Parish Hall

September 25th - First Grade Celebration Chapel, 9:00 a.m. in the St. Luke’s Episcopal Church





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September 27th - Episcopal School Sunday & Installation of Head of School, Dr. Reford. First-8th Grade students should arrive at 10:00 a.m. Service will begin at 10:30 am

September 29th - Dress Uniform - Eucharist, St. Michael and All Angels @ 8:30 am