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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

January Focus: The Helmet of Salvation

This January, our students had the opportunity to learn about the "Helmet of Salvation" as part of our ongoing study of the armor of God. Through insightful lessons from our seventh and eighth-grade class, as well as a special presentation from Pastor John Lee of Bethel CRC, our students gained a deeper understanding of how this piece of spiritual armor serves to protect our minds and thoughts.

The Helmet of Salvation represents the power of our faith in Jesus Christ, acting as a shield against doubt, negative influences, and temptation. As we reflect on this teaching, we are reminded that God calls us to guard our minds through the salvation we have in Christ, allowing His truth to protect and strengthen us.

At Ireton Christian School, our mission is to know, nurture, and equip our students to positively impact their community and the world for Christ. As we move forward, we are encouraged by the reminder that God's protection and strength are always available to help our students navigate the challenges they face, both in and outside of the classroom.

We are thankful for the opportunity to grow in faith together and are excited to see how our students continue to embrace the teachings of God's Word.

Mrs. Kooima

**KIDS OF THE KINGDOM
PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN
OPEN HOUSE**

Join us for a school tour and meet our preschool & kindergarten teachers!

**Monday
February 24
4:30 - 6:30 pm**



BUILDING A CHRIST-CENTERED EDUCATION



KIDS OF THE KINGDOM PRESCHOOL



Over the past couple of months, our preschoolers have been busy learning and growing in so many wonderful ways! We've been exploring a unit on exercise, where the preschoolers have discovered fun ways to stay active and learned about healthy habits to keep their bodies energized. In December, they enjoyed a special field trip to the ASB Dome ("the big marshmallow") in Sioux Center to learn about soccer from the Dordt men's soccer team! Alongside this, we've seen amazing progress in their alphabet and number skills, as they grow more confident each day in their ability to recognize letters, sounds, and numbers. It's been a season full of energy, learning, and God's blessings! Just last week, we talked about our goals for the new year.

Here are some fun goals our preschoolers are hoping to accomplish in 2025!

- Jackson: Learn to do a back flip on the trampoline
- Skye: Learn how to swim better
- Brexton: Jump on the trampoline
- Knox: Learn how to make cookies
- Max: Learn to bake cookies with my mom
- Weston: Learn to count to 100
- Daxton: Help my mom take care of kids at her daycare
- Jase: Learn my letters
- Kason: Learn to flip on the trampoline
- Steven: Pick up toys better
- Leo: Learn how to make chocolate chip cookies
- Avin: Learn to ride my bike without training wheels

Miss Roghair and Mrs. Plendl



KINDERGARTEN



There is never a dull moment in our kindergarten classroom this year. Students love to be active, share stories, and answer questions. They put in a lot of hard work, too. Learning to read is a big challenge for kindergarten, and these students have a great start. Students know their letter sounds and have been blending them together to form predictable words. We use those words, along with some 'trick words' to form sentences. These students are doing great and writing sentences, and we are beginning to read more sentences from books.

Students love reading Bible stories and hearing about the amazing things that God did for his people in the Old Testament. We are currently studying Daniel.

Right now, our math lessons are about calendars. Students continually use numbers 1-31, recite the days of the week, find holidays, and learn the differences between a day, a week, a month, and a year. We have started addition and will be learning about money next.

As we go through the cold winter months, we look forward to the extras that we can participate in. The kindergarten class loved swimming and look forward to some reading activities in the month of February. Students will participate in their first full pixie week, too! Everything is new and exciting in kindergarten!

Mrs. Kuperus



1ST & 2ND GRADE

Our 1st and 2nd graders have been busy exploring the world and learning about God's love for all people! Recently, we "traveled" to different countries during our Christmas Around God's World unit. With pretend passports in hand and a playful classroom airplane, the students discovered how Christmas is celebrated in other cultures, guided by a tour guide in each country that just so happened to look like their teacher! This immersive experience brought joy and laughter while teaching them about the global Christmas traditions, and always remembering the real true reason why we celebrate Christmas.



Now, we're diving into a study of Native Americans and their way of life. The students are having fun with hands-on activities like creating replicas of traditional Native American homes, giving them a deeper appreciation for history and culture.

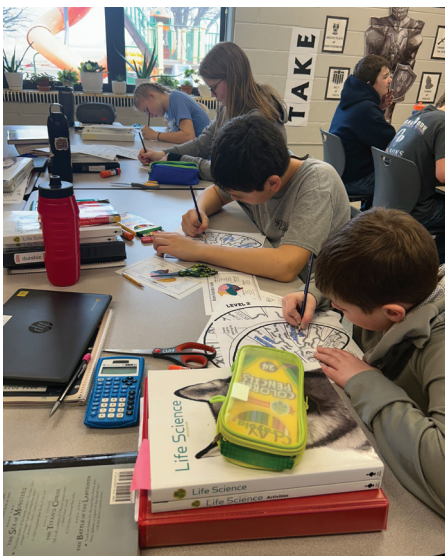
We also took a break for some fun and fitness with an afternoon of swimming at the All Seasons Center. It was a wonderful way to bond as a class and as a school. What a joy it is to make memories with these kids!

Stay tuned for more adventures as we continue to learn and grow together!

Mrs. Oolman

7TH & 8TH GRADE

In 7th and 8th grade Bible class we finished up learning about Paul's missionary journeys. Then we learned about the heroes of the faith in Hebrews 11 and reflected upon the heroes in our own lives. Each student picked a hero from each of the following areas: Old Testament, New Testament, family, and a non-family member. Then they wrote about how each of these people have affected their lives. Next we studied Revelation and the end times and pondered about what it might be like. Despite the certainty in our world, we are comforted to know the end of the story!



In Math we are traipsing along through the lessons about proportions, scale drawings, indirect measurements, and even some trigonometry in 8th grade! They can now figure sine and cosine ratios in right triangles!

The third quarter has brought them back to science where we are continuing to learn about the human body. We are currently discussing immunity, the nervous system, and the human brain. We made brain hats showing and the parts and functions of the brain.

Our class led chapel at the beginning of this month. We had Pastor John Lee from Bethel CRC come and talk about the helmet of salvation. We also collected socks to send to Ukraine. Thank you so much for everyone who donated—what a blessing!!!

Mrs. Hoogland



2ND & 3RD GRADE

The 2nd graders have been learning all about the American West these past few months. We have read “The Buffalo Are Back” and “Plains Indians” so far, and students are doing a great job making connections between the two stories! Each of the students created their own flip-book and field corn drawing to share what they have learned. Their masterpieces are currently up in the hallway! Getting to listen to music while we worked was definitely a highlight. Keep up the great work, 2nd graders!

Our 3rd graders are continuing their reading unit on the sea. We are currently reading “Giant Squid”, and students are gaining a wealth of knowledge about this mysterious sea creature! In math we are taking a closer look at measurement and determining what tools would be best used when measuring various objects. The 3rd graders have shown so much growth since the beginning of the year and I’m excited to continue this journey with them into the 3rd quarter!

Mrs. Vander Berg

3RD & 4TH GRADE

What a crazy winter it has been! Where is the snow? As an adult, I am not complaining, but as kids, they are a bit disappointed this winter. We have been busy in the gym for several days due to the cold and we are thankful we have a place to run off all of their energy.

We had Student Appreciation Day this month which included snow cones, hide and seek in the school and an afternoon of swimming in Sioux Center. The kids loved it! We really do appreciate our kiddos and their families. Thanks for the support each day!



We are busy learning about the 50 states this month as well. They just finished the NE states and we are now moving to the SE states. It is really fun learning about the different regions of the United States. Along with our social studies lessons, we also watched part of President Jimmy Carter’s funeral, President Trump’s inauguration and learned about Martin Luther King, Jr.

In Bible we have been learning about Jacob/Leah/Rachel/Laban and their families from Genesis. The kids have great questions and discussions about the Bible lessons. We are also busy learning the New Testament books of the Bible to help us find the scripture verses faster.

We are looking forward to Pixie week and our reading month coming soon.

*Keep warm,
Mrs. Sieck*

5TH & 6TH GRADE

This month was full of activities from packing meals for hungry people, to packing shoeboxes for Christmas and finally student appreciation day. The kids stayed very busy. We were able to serve so many people this holiday and learn many things. We gained a better understanding of the difference we can make in others’ lives, as well as the joy we can give them. The students were able to experience their own sense of joy with appreciation from the teachers. They received snow cones and had a swimming day. They also spent lots of time learning about how nouns work, starting their new novel Blood on the River, and all about the rebuilding of Jerusalem’s walls. We are excited to keep learning more together.

Miss Schiebout



DECEMBER 2024 BOARD MINUTERS

- * Opened with devotions.
- * Principal's Report, board minutes & finance report approved.
- * Mrs. Kooima announced her resignation at the end of the 24/25 school year
- * M/S/C budget for 25/26 school year
- * Discussed - School Rentals, staff bonuses
- * Discussed CACE - Strategic Plan
- * Reviewed Board Policy
- * Closed in prayer

JANUARY 2025 BOARD MINUTERS

- * Opened with devotions.
- * Principal's Report, board minutes & finance report approved.
- * Discussed buyout of CSI Pension plan
- * M/S/C 2024 - 2025 calendar - added to policy required student contact hours and staff professional development days
- * Discussed hiring CACE to assist in the head of school search process
- * Discussed staff maternity leave
- * Set society meeting date
- * Reviewed Board Policy
- * Closed in prayer

WE LOVE
BECAUSE 
HE FIRST
LOVED US
1 JOHN 4:19

FEBRUARY & MARCH BIRTHDAYS

February 8	Landon Kiel
February 8	Abram McInnis
February 10	Austin Wielenga
February 12	Noah De Kam
February 21	Jacey Bultman
February 24	Daxton Visser
February 25	Riggs Koopmans
March 1	Mrs. Hoogland
March 11	Skye Hoekstra
March 14	Mia Weida
March 22	Miss Schiebout

happy
birthday
to you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 17	No School (President's Day)
February 21	Full Day of School
February 24	KOK Preschool and Kindergarten Open House & Registration 4:30 - 6:30 PM
March 7	Dinner & Dessert Dash
March 13	End of 3rd Quarter

TRIP NEWS

Upcoming order dates are: February 10, March 10, April 7, May 5.

TRIP Order forms can be printed off the school website if you need one. Orders need to be in the TRIP box in the school office or given to Donna Koopmans by 8:00 AM on order dates in your family envelope. No late orders will be taken.

IRETON CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL AUXILIARY
INVITES YOU TO...

DINNER & DESSERT Dash

Friday, March 7, 2025

Doors open 6:00 PM · Dinner 6:30 PM · Slap Happy Comedy

Location: Hawarden Community Center

Tickets are \$25 per person or a table of 8 for \$200

RSVP by February 21 to office@iretonchristianschool.com or call 712-287-2245 if you'd like to attend.

Please send payment to Ireton Christian School prior to event.

If you are unable to attend, but still would like to make a donation, please send it to:
Ireton Christian School, 104 5th Street, Ireton, IA 51027

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