



The Ireton Christian **BEACON**

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

A mission statement and core values are essential in a Christian school as they provide a clear framework for guiding the educational environment and shaping the character of our students. These foundational values articulate the school's purpose and principles, aligning the community around shared beliefs rooted in Christian teachings. By establishing a mission statement and core values we are helping to create a supportive atmosphere that fosters both spiritual growth and academic excellence. Last school year we held focus groups among parents, staff and teachers. These focus groups helped us determine what were the most important values at Ireton Christian. We are happy to share with you our new mission statement and core values!

We have been talking about a core value each week this school year. Currently, our focus is rooted in faith. Mrs. Sieck's class shared what the core value "rooted in faith" meant to them... deep down to God's soul, makes us stand strong against the devil, keep growing and spreading God's faith. We are so thankful that everyday we get to invest in our students to equip them to impact our community and world for Christ!

*Let's continue serving God's Kingdom together!
Mrs. Kooima*

CORE VALUES



LEARNING TO THRIVE

SERVING WITH LOVE



CULTIVATING COMMUNITY

ROOTED IN FAITH



LIVING OUR LEGACY

MISSION STATEMENT

Ireton Christian School provides high-quality, Christ-centered education that connects learning to real life, where each child is known, nurtured, and equipped to positively impact their community and world for Christ.

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM PRESCHOOL

We welcomed our 12 preschoolers into the classroom on August 28 for their first day of preschool! Over the last few weeks, Mrs. Plendl and I have seen their joyful, bright, and bold personalities come alive! This group of students love to share stories, play with farm toys, and show their adventurous sides on the playground! The first couple weeks of preschool are all about forming friendships, practicing school routines, and having fun of course! The preschoolers did just that. They have been doing a fabulous job showing us their school skills—gluing, cutting with scissors, holding a pencil, and coloring, to name a few! They also learned all about the letters A,B,C,D, and E. During Bible time, they learned about God’s handiwork in Creation and how deep His love is for each of them. Some other preschool highlights include playing outside, singing songs together, and discovering the different play areas in our classroom. It’s been a great first month of school, and I cannot wait to watch these little ones grow throughout this school year!

Mrs. Roghair and Mrs. Plendl



KINDERGARTEN

Introducing the Ireton Christian School class of 2033! This year our kindergarten class has 12 students - 6 girls and 6 boys.

- Ty
- Jacey
- Trenton
- Millie
- Hudson
- Addi
- Hudson
- Harlow
- Talon
- Blair
- Riggs
- Quinnly



This class has some favorites . . .

Learning about: Bible stories, Cheddar the mouse in our Math workbook

Special activities: PE, Play Time, Art, Singing, Library

Outside activities: Toilet Tag, Hide and Seek, Ball Tag, Pretend House

We are studying the Bible stories of Genesis right now, writing numbers and letters, learning what makes a sentence (who, does what?), looking at trees and leaves, and learning to click, drag, and type on our chromebooks! It has been a good start to the year with a bunch of joyful students!



Mrs. Kuperus

1ST & 2ND GRADE

We are off to a great start in the first and second grade room. The beginning of the year always comes with a lot of time spent learning routines and procedures. We are starting to get into a great groove and the kids are busy learning many new things now. Science is one of their favorite subjects in school. This year we are learning all about the solar system. We spent some time learning the planets in order. The sentence we learned to help us memorize the planets was "My Very Excited Mother Just Served Us Noodles". (Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune) When you were younger, you probably learned about Pluto, but in 2006 scientists declared Pluto a dwarf planet, and is no longer included in the main planet list! As part of our unit, we were able to utilize the Star Lab! I had fond memories of going into the Star Lab when I was younger, and I still think it's pretty cool! The students really enjoyed getting to crawl into the big dome and see all of the stars, planets, and constellations. We talked about how amazing God truly is to have made our solar system, and that we get just a glimpse of his magnitude when we look at the stars in the sky. Our Bible lessons have also tied into our science class with the studying of Abram and God's promises to him, in which God used the stars as an example. It's so fun when everything ties together! We're looking forward to a great school year. We appreciate all the prayers and support we receive throughout the year. Thank You!



Mrs. Oolman

2ND & 3RD GRADE

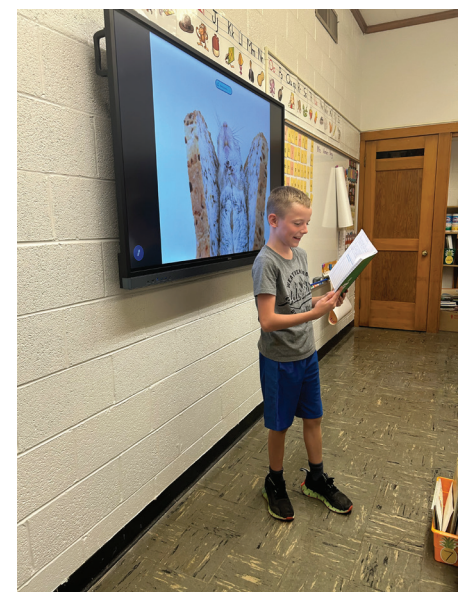


Greetings from Mrs. Vander Berg's 2nd & 3rd grade classes! We've had a busy first five weeks getting to know each other, settling into routines, and learning more about God's world together as we work within the realm of reading, writing, and math while they are in my classroom.

The 2nd graders are learning all about the season of Fall! They are reading informational texts about the change in seasons and how that impacts us as well as plants and animals. Through creative drawings, looking at different pieces of artwork, and reading various texts on the subjects, the 2nd graders were able to expand their knowledge of what takes place during the season of Fall. By the end of their first module, they were able to write a paragraph in response to the focus question! Nice work, 2nd graders!

The 3rd graders have also been doing their fair share of writing in my classroom so far this year! Wednesday afternoons have been especially fun when students are given a crazy picture with no context and asked to write a story to go with the picture that they were looking at. Yes, there were laughs and, yes, we did have many different stories

that came out of this warm-up writing activity. I love hearing each student's unique perspective and how they use words to tell a story. This class loves to talk and is doing a great job of learning to communicate their ideas with one another. I love watching them learn more about the world that God has created using their different gifts and talents to convey ideas. Photos are provided of our authors/illustrators hard at work!



Mrs. Vander Berg

3RD & 4TH GRADE

Time is sure flying by already in our room. That must mean we are having fun, right? With that fun we are also learning new things every day. We have 14 kids in our room, 6 girls and 8 boys. They are a fun group and are working hard.

In Bible we are digging into finding scripture verses, learning about the concordance, footnotes and the maps in our Bible. It takes us a little while to find the exact passage but what an awesome life skill to learn.

For Social Studies we have been learning about Progressivism. We love how our books always teach us about God and the values we should follow. This brings up great questions and conversations, especially about the election coming up.

4th grade students have been learning place value, money and reviewing larger addition and subtraction problems. They also designed their own bedrooms for \$500.00. They were shocked at some of the prices of things. (Aren't we all these days?) For reading we have been learning about the Redcoats, the Tea tax and gaining our independence from Britain. They are really enjoying the stories and history.

We are looking forward to making pillows next week and a field trip to Northwestern to see a play in October. Thanks for all of your support and prayers!

*Happy Fall
Mrs. Sieck*



5TH & 6TH GRADE

The 5th and 6th Graders are off to a great year! They are working very hard to make the transition to Middle School. In Bible class, we started by reading 1 Peter. In 1 Peter, we learned about being humble servants. We learned about all the requirements needed to live holy. Now, we have been learning all about God's Covenant promises. We emphasized the covenant with Noah by creating a promise rainbow. We wrote color poems to remember those promises and all of the things God has given us.

In Social Studies, they have been learning about our heritage. We first looked into the Native Americans and their start in America. We got crafty and made our own baskets, just like the Native Americans did. We have started learning about the explorers and the first colonies to settle in America. Students even designed colonies, creating a name, rules, and a map.

Finally, in Reading, we have begun our studies of the Great Depression. We have been reading the novel Bud Not Buddy. Bud is a unique character who shows us how hard life is during this time.

We thank God for all the opportunities he has given us and for a safe place to learn and worship Him! Thank you for your prayers over us this year!

Miss Schiebout



7TH & 8TH GRADE

The 7th and 8th Graders are off to a great start this year! In science we are studying the human body, which we have already learned about the bones, muscles, and skin. Now we are learning about the digestive system and what good foods are healthy for our bodies. In Bible we are studying the New Testament—parables, miracles, life of Jesus, and then on to the early church. This week we read the Great Commission and then practiced sharing our faith stories with each other. Ask any 7th or 8th grader to share their faith story with you!

Mrs. Hoogland



OCTOBER & NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

October 1	Nicki Weida
October 1	Brexton Van Roekel
October 2	Tenley Westergard
October 5	Joseph Hoekstra
October 6	Cooper Rens
October 6	Emmett Rens
October 7	Brighton Kroese
October 7	Avin McInnis
October 9	Camden Waterman
October 14	Martha Hoekstra
October 14	Sophia Kooima
October 15	Knox De Weerd
October 17	Elsie Scholten
October 22	Zoey Zomermaand
October 24	Max Eisma
October 25	Steven Zomermaand
October 26	Blair Loges
October 27	Kayla Fedders
October 27	Alex Bos
November 4	Deacon Oolman
November 9	Harper Hooyer
November 10	Tammy Sieck
November 14	Weston Hoekstra
November 19	Lincoln Kramer
November 20	Ty Eisma
November 20	Hudson Blankespoor
November 21	Krista Oolman
November 21	Mason Hooyer
November 23	Emilee Butcher
November 28	Dana Scholten
November 30	Kalli Eisma

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 25	End of 1st Quarter
November 1	Rally Day Sale
November 4/5	Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 27	1:30 dismissal
November 28	No School - Thanksgiving Break
December 5	Grandparent's Day (PM)
	Fall Musical

TRIP NEWS

Upcoming order dates are: October 7, November 4, December 9.

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.



ICS BOARD MINUTES

August 2024

1. Opened with devotions.
 2. Principal's Report, board minutes & finance report approved.
 3. M/S/C purchase 12 passenger van
 4. M/S/C purchase 48 switch board
 5. Rally Day Sale - Nov 1
 6. Roles

Casey - President	Dean - Vice President
Pete - Secretary	
Sharla - Finance	Travis - Finance
Devin - Building	Joe - Building
 7. Closed in prayer
- *M/S/C - motion/support/carry

September 2024

1. Opened with devotions.
 2. Principal's Report, board minutes & finance report approved.
 3. M/S/C attend Dordt's Teacher Recruitment Fair - need displays for table
 4. Discussed - Rally Day Sale
 5. Set Dates for Board Visits (Fall/Spring)
 6. Discussed CACE - Strategic Plan - Begins in October
 7. Reviewed Board Policy
 8. Closed in prayer
- *M/S/C - motion/support/carry



ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

In compliance with regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) all parents, teachers, students and employees are hereby notified that Ireton Christian School does contain degrees of Asbestos in some floor tiles, ceiling, and walls. Ireton Christian School has a management plan for asbestos available in the school office, should anyone desire to see the plan. Let us know. Areas that contain asbestos are given required periodic surveillance and are maintained according to required regulations.

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