

Raiders News

Reformation Lutheran School & Preschool Weekly Newsletter

WEEK OF OCTOBER 13 -19, 2019

Principal's Message – Welcome Home, Connect to the Means of Grace

On Sunday, October 20th, Reformation will be holding a "Welcome Home Sunday." As a staff we have been discussing this quite a bit and we formally invite you all to attend our worship services that day, which will be followed by a meal. Once again, I feel like giving you an "inside look" at the type of devotions we go through as a staff. So, here I am sharing with you a devotion from the WELS website that talks about the immense power that God's Word holds. I hope you enjoy it as much as the staff did. God's blessings!

I grew up in the Midwest. The only interaction I had with the ocean was through pictures, TV, or movies. I remember watching surfers in California gracefully maneuver over the waves. It looked so peaceful and like so much fun. Then, the time came for me to get my chance to venture into the ocean. My first call was to Southern California, so the ocean was within reach! When I got to the ocean for the first time, the smells, sounds, and sights were just as I had imagined. My childhood exposure from across the country didn't lie. Then, one of my friends, a native of California, told me it was time to go out into the waves and take our turn at boogie boarding. Surfing was too hard for day one! He gave me a quick lesson on how to go out into the waves and where to catch them to ride them back in. One of the first waves I caught was way too late, and the wave picked me up, then slammed me down into the ground, and rolled me around like I was in a washing machine. I walked out of the ocean with a bloodied shoulder and a mouth full of sand. I had no clue what power waves had!

Sometimes it is easy to downplay or forget about the power that everyday things have. There is "hurtful power," like being shocked by bare wires or slamming your finger in a car door. And there is "helpful power" – not the churning of breakers on the beach but hydroelectric power generated by massive turbines deep in a dam. What about God's power? Do we fully recognize the power of God's Word for daily life? Or do we not think that much about it?

We are blessed to be teachers in Christian schools where we don't only use the Bible some of the day, but we use it to frame every subject that we teach. God's love through his Word is woven into the fabric of the day for our students, and in that way the Holy Spirit is given the opportunity each day to work in the hearts of our students, and our hearts!

God tells us in Isaiah 55, "So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." Each day, we walk into our classrooms armed with the most powerful weapon of all time, and God promises us that it will work! And for most people, the most powerful and formative encounter with the Word happens in worship – not merely the content of the readings and sermon, but also the weekly reinforcement of the liturgy, and the deep impact of the Word expressed in hymns.

As you go about the privilege of your work today, may God fill you with the knowledge that his Word will not return to him empty. Be encouraged to use it and have loving conversations to keep students and families connected to this spiritual power source (especially as it is delivered in worship) and not to minimize or forget its power.

Columbus Day

Campus is closed on Monday, October 14th for Columbus Day, and there is no Shepherd's Care. The staff is using this day to do some professional growing. Our synod, WELS, has come out with a process called MGEP, the Ministerial Growth and Evaluation Process. This is a process through which each teacher chooses concrete professional growth opportunities, makes a plan to learn, grow and apply, and then be evaluated informally. We will be taking some time to understand this process and find our concrete professional growth opportunities.

Earthquake Kits

If you haven't supplied your teacher with an earthquake kit for your child, please make sure to do that. You can find the guide for what goes into an earthquake kit here from the Reformation School website:

[**Earthquake Kit Guide**](#)



Family Fun Night 2019 is Coming!

Reformation's annual Family Fun Night is Friday, October 25th, 6-8pm. Each year we utilize this event to connect with our school, church and local Clairemont community. This year, we anticipate approximately 500 people on our campus for this two-hour event.

Below is a link for volunteer sign-ups. We are looking for volunteers to help in many different ways. You can help out that evening by working a game booth for thirty minutes. This year, in addition to candy, attendees will earn tickets to use toward prizes. You can help by donating candy, cake walk desserts, or money (to put toward prizes.) Please take a look and see where you best fit! We'd love to have your help!

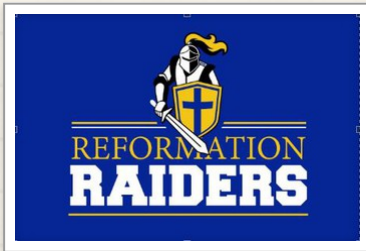
To sign up, click here

Lifetouch Picture Retake Day has been Postponed!

Due to circumstances beyond our control, your school pictures will not be in before the scheduled Picture Retake Day. We have rescheduled it to Tuesday, November 5, so you have a chance to view your student's picture before you determine that it needs to be redone. Thank you.

#RefTechTips

Are you or your child looking for a fun way to review knowledge? Or just a fun way to quiz yourself? Head over to www.Kahoot.com. It is a great website that has many pre-made quizzes that you or your child can use to test their knowledge of various subjects. You can even make your own quizzes up. There are also apps for Android and iOS that you can use!



Sports Update

Reformation has an exciting week of volleyball coming up. The Girls A Team will be playing against UDA on Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 4:00 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Pacific Beach. The Girls B Team will be playing against St. Paul's on Thursday, Oct. 17, at 4:00 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran in Pacific Beach. Our 6-8 Grade Coed teams will be playing on Thursday, Oct. 17, from 1:00-2:45 pm at Reformation Lutheran School. Finally, on Saturday, Oct. 19, our two Reformation volleyball tournament teams will be playing at CLHS beginning at 9:00 am until 2:00 pm against Concord, Shepherd of the Hills, and King of Kings. Come out, Reformation fans, and support our Raiders Volleyball teams!



JOHNNY APPLESEED DAY

Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast! Wed., Oct. 16, at 7:00 am in the gym

Over the past few years we have had a pancake breakfast on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7:00 am - 8:00 am, with chapel services to follow. For the most part, we will be doing the same this year, except each month we will be having a different main meal. Reformation Breakfast is a great time to take a morning off from cooking and come and join in good fellowship with your child and others from school and church. This is a 100% free-will donation-based breakfast. We are always in need of help, as well as, items for the breakfast.

Below is a list of items we will be using for this month's **Biscuit and Gravy** breakfast and areas of help that are always needed. Any donated funds go towards the breakfast and for playground equipment.

Items Needed:

- Biscuits in tube
- Muffins for kids
- Jelly
- 2 containers of creamer
- Powdered juice mix
- 2 gallons of milk
- Fruit
- Sausage, ham, or bacon
- Big Gravy cans

Help Needed:

- Set up at 6:30 am
- during the breakfast
- clean-up

If you intend to donate, please let us know so we don't have too much of one item. Likewise, if you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Mrs. Brennan Butth.

Update from Mrs. Mangini's classroom

The first and second grade class is keeping busy in room 6. Our class begins the day with a soft start. A soft start means that students get to start their day talking to their classmates and working on a morning tub. Our morning tubs include Legos, play-doh, blocks, geoboards, stencils and many other fun manipulatives.

We have been working on guided reading rotations. Students rotate in small groups from various stations. Our classroom rotation includes the writing center, word work, read to self and read with the teacher. These rotations allow students to have more time to practice reading, writing and spelling words. Word work centers include letter stamping in play-doh, magnetic letters and mini eraser alphabet letters. Learning can be fun and engaging and guided reading is a great example of how this can be done.

Somewhere in between September and mid-October we packed in lots of other activities. Students spent time creating a Noun Town where everyone worked in groups to label their own cities full of various nouns. We took time to celebrate Johnny Appleseed Day. The students all made Johnny Appleseed smiles with apple slices, peanut butter and marshmallows. The tradition of flashlight Friday has still stood the test of time and been passed on to this year's class. Students always enjoy the excitement of reading in the dark with a flashlight. Our class is excited to head to Julian this Friday for a fun fall field trip. We will learn how to make apple cider, go on a hayride, see some farm animals and pick a pumpkin to bring home.



Students using mini erasers to practice spelling words.



Spelling words are stamped into play-doh to help students practice their weekly words.



Read to Self rotation center... students learn to read quietly at the carpet.

Upcoming Events & Activities

Wednesdays at 8:30am - Chapel Service - everyone is welcome!

Thursdays at 8:30am - Moms Together Life Group

October 14, Columbus Day, Campus closed

October 16, 7:00am Pancake Breakfast

October 16, 8:30am Chapel Services

October 25, 6:00pm Family Fun Night

November 5, 8:30am Picture Retake Day

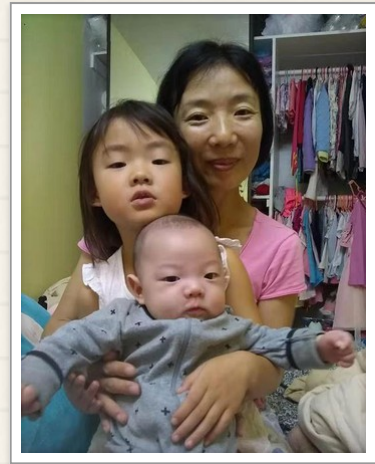
November 11, Veteran's Day, Campus closed



A monthly calendar is updated on our website, and a full school year calendar is available also. Click here to review these calendars. (<http://reformationschoolsd.org/calendar/>).

Message Update for Hongrui Zhang from her husband Ling Qin

Thank you very much for your message. Hongrui is doing OK. She started her chemotherapy sessions in mid September, receiving one dose over two days every two weeks. So far she has done two sessions. She definitely feels the side effects such as nausea, fatigue, tingling in the hands, but with medicines the side effects are being managed. She feels the chemotherapy is working because her stomach pain lessened. Besides chemotherapy, her doctor says she must exercise and eat enough calories to stop weight loss. She exercises by taking walks. Every morning she walks with Amy to kindergarten and walk back (0.8 mi each way, with slopes), and during the day she takes our baby son Ben for a stroller ride. She is also working on taking in more calories. This is trickier because her stomach condition and being nausea from the chemo. She reads the Bible and pray every day, and goes to the church on Sundays whenever she has the physical strength. Overall she is in a good mood and living in a relatively good health condition. We pray that her condition maintains stable for a long long time, and she is on her way to being healed by God's power.



Amy is doing OK at our neighborhood public school, Sundance Elementary. A lot of things being taught in her kindergarten class she has learnt in Reformation. She misses her teacher and classmates, and she talks about coming back to Reformation for visit a lot. Our baby son Ben continues to grow. His cardiologist, eye doctor, and GI specialist all say he is doing just fine. We have a nanny who comes in during the daytime on weekdays to help with taking care of the baby.

We received beautiful flowers and a card from Reformation. We were too busy to write a card back, but we feel grateful for all your thoughts and prayers. May God bless everyone at Reformation. We will come back to visit later this year.

Best regards,
Ling

Please continue to keep Hongrui and her family in your prayers.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS AT 8:00 & 10:30!



About Us

 Facebook

The eternal truths of God's Word are the foundation of our school, its curriculum, and all its activities. Our goal in Christian education is to provide each child with the maximum development of God-given spiritual, physical, and mental abilities. We offer Christian education in our Preschool (ages 2.5-5) and Grade School (K-8).

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