



Reformation Lutheran School Newsletter
Week 11 – 11/18/2016

Message from the Principal: Thanksgiving!

Are you ready for Thanksgiving? Have you bought a turkey? Are all the pies ready? Travel plans made? I know that in our house, I grill the meat and my wife, Sarah, prepares the vegetables. A divide and conquer method. I sometimes forget what I am thankful for during this busy season. Sometimes business gets in the way of realizing the blessings showered upon us from God.

The Lord has showered many blessings upon us. We have shelter, food and clothing. We have places where we can worship our Lord. Many of us have families, friends and loved ones to be thankful for in this world. A school where the Word of God permeates all we do. I think, if we make an honest reflection of our situation in this world, we would come to the conclusion that we are blessed.

May you have a wonderful Thanksgiving. And in the hustle and bustle of all that is going on, you have a chance to reflect upon the blessings from God. The blessing of Jesus taking away our sins. The blessing that this world is only our temporary home. The blessing that we can say with the Psalmist, “Enter his gates with **thanksgiving** and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.”

Update from Jenny Mangini

Time tests, *James and the Giant Peach* and learning centers are just a few of our favorite things in first and second grade. The students love taking time tests and are really excited to see how much faster they are at mastering their math facts each day. We recently completed Roald Dahl's *James and the Giant Peach*. Students enjoyed listening to the adventures of James and his clever insect friends.

Last week our class went to Pacific Beach to watch the CYT production of *James and the Giant Peach*. Students watched with delight as they compared the book to the play.

Our biggest project this fall was our class book, *The Great Turkey Escape*. The students wrote from start to finish their very own book entitled, *The Great Turkey Escape*, about Todd the Turkey who must escape being the main dish for Thanksgiving. The students did an outstanding job at writing and using their imagination. The final copy of the books arrived this week and the students are proud to have a book they created on their own. We also just received news that our book has been chosen as a finalist in a National Competition. This is an honor and privilege and we are just thrilled to be chosen as a finalist. Thanks be to God for all the blessings we have enjoyed so far this year. We ask that God continue to bless us in all we do!

Upcoming Events –

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICES

Please join us in giving thanks to God for our many blessings at our Thanksgiving worship services. This year we will have two services on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday November 23. The first service will be held at 11:00 am, leading up to the early dismissal at 11:50am, and the second service will be held at 7:00 pm. We look forward to worshipping with you and giving thanks for all God has done for us this year.

CHRISTMAS IN CLAIREMONT

We're inviting the local community to celebrate the Miracle of Christmas with us! The event will include a live nativity (accompanied by a narrator and choir), children's activities including crafts, storytelling and cookie decorating and complimentary seasonal refreshments.

Planning is underway and there are many ways to get involved. Volunteers are requested to help with each of the activities, as well as in the areas of traffic and parking management and set up/clean up. Sign up to help online by clicking [here](#). The link can also be found at www.reformationsandiego.org or look for sign-up sheets in the church entryway (coming soon).

November 23 – Early dismissal for Thanksgiving Break (11:50am)

November 24-25 –Thanksgiving Break

December 11 – Preschool and Kindergarten Christmas Services (9:15am & 10:30am)

December 17 – Christmas in Clairemont (6:00pm)

December 21 – 1st-8th Grade Christmas Concert (7:00pm)

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