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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Giving Thanks for God's Provision

As we move into November, I find myself reflecting on Psalm 23:5 "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.." What a fitting reminder for this season of gratitude. God not only provides for our needs, but He also surrounds us with blessings that overflow. I saw that so clearly during our Rally Day Fall Auction. The generosity poured out by our families, friends, and supporters felt like a table prepared for our school: full, generous, and evidence of God's faithful care. Thank you to everyone who donated, served, bid, and prayed. Your kindness strengthens our mission and brings our community together in such meaningful ways.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I'm reminded daily of the many "overflowing cups" God has placed at Ireton Christian School. The joy in the classrooms, the dedication of our teachers, the friendships forming among students, and the support of our families all point to a Shepherd who abundantly blesses His people. May this season encourage us to slow down, notice His goodness, and give thanks for the gift of Christian education and the community that surrounds it. I'm grateful to be walking this journey with each of you, trusting the One who prepares the table and invites us to gather around it with full hearts.

Laura Moes, Principal

Grandparent's Day

Thursday, December 4

at 1:00 PM

at Ireton Christian School

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 4 - Grandparent's Day 1:00 PM

December 4 - Fall Musical 7:00 PM

December 12 - Pizza, Puzzles, Pop

December 22 - January 2 - No School

(Christmas Break)

January 8 - End of 2nd Quarter

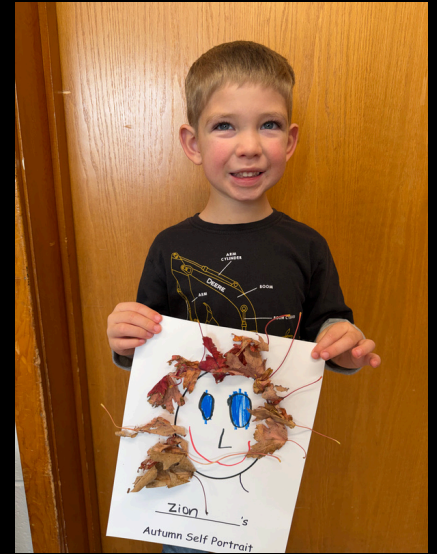
KIDS OF THE KINGDOM PRESCHOOL

The past two months in preschool have been filled with learning, growth, and so much joy! Our days have been busy exploring letters, numbers, and shapes, as well as diving into our fall-themed unit on trees. The preschoolers created “Autumn Self-Portraits” using colorful leaves, learned about the four seasons by designing their own seasonal trees, and enjoyed plenty of time playing in the leaves on the playground.



A special highlight this month was joining their chapel groups to help clean up leaves and sticks around the Ireton community—our little learners loved getting to serve others! As Thanksgiving approaches, my teacher heart is full. I am deeply grateful for each one of these preschoolers and the joy they bring to school each day. It is a blessing to walk alongside them and play a small part in their learning journey.

Miss. Roghair



KINDERGARTEN

In kindergarten, we have many things to be thankful for. We are thankful for our middle school buddies who help us do chapel activities. We are thankful for the specials teachers that teach us art, music, library, and PE. We love the different seasons where we can enjoy God’s creation, and we love the Bible.

Each student added one thing from home and one thing from school that they are especially thankful for:

- Lily – friends and family, dogs, and learning about Jesus
- Avin – ball tag at school and my cat
- Addi – parent and the school where I can learn about the Bible
- Daxton – playing at school and my PS5
- Steven – sharing toys with friends at school and loving other people
- Kason – food like mac and cheese, trees and flowers
- Max – babies that are coming soon and thankful that we can make the world beautiful!
- Weston – my teacher and my grandma

We are blessed in so many ways. Let us remember that as we cross from Thanksgiving to Christmas and into the new year!

Mrs. Kuperus





What a wonderful and full fall season we have had in first grade! God has blessed our classroom with so many opportunities to learn, serve, and grow together.

One of our favorite adventures was our trip to Northwestern College to watch the play *Dragons Love Tacos*. The students really enjoyed the performance, and it was such a fun way to bring literature to life. We also wrapped up a week in reading that centered around *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss. Of course we had to try real green eggs and ham. I'm happy to report that all of the students tried both items...and almost all of them loved the ham...the green eggs weren't quite as well liked!

We also had several opportunities to serve others. Our class helped rake leaves, pick up twigs and trash, and pack shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. It was beautiful to see the students' hearts for serving and their joy in helping others in Jesus' name.

Another highlight has been our unit on dinosaurs and fossils. We spent several weeks exploring the different kinds of fossils and learning the truth about God's creation. It is such a privilege to teach students what the Bible says about the earth and dinosaurs, especially in a world that often tells a different story. What an honor it is to help equip them to defend their faith with confidence and understanding. To celebrate the end of our unit, we had a special Dinosaur Day! Everything—from our math problems to our snacks—was dinosaur-themed. The highlight of the day was getting to be "real" paleontologists and excavate dinosaurs from "fossilized eggs." The excitement in the room was contagious, and the students had an unforgettable day of learning and fun.

As we look ahead to Thanksgiving break, our hearts are full. This season is the perfect time to reflect on God's goodness and the many blessings He has given us. When asked what they were thankful for, here's what our first graders shared:

- Ty Eisma – "I am thankful for trees because they look nice!"
- Jacey Bultman – "I'm thankful for air so I can breathe."
- Talon Kramer – "I'm thankful for my mom and dad because they take care of me."
- Harlow Eisma – "I'm glad for my friends and my mom and my dad because we love and care for each other."
- Hudson Blankespoor – "I'm thankful for God and Jesus and my parents and animals because they're nice and animals make food for us and God and Jesus are the best and our parents make food for me."
- Blair Loges – "I'm thankful for food so that I'm not hungry."
- Hudson Byker – "I'm thankful that we have a mom and dad because they give me food."
- Riggs Koopmans – "I'm thankful for cousins because they can play with me."
- Quinnly Price – "I'm thankful for God because He made me!"
- Millie Gradert – "I'm thankful for my family because they all love me."
- Trenton Hoekstra – "I'm thankful Jesus died on the cross to save us from our many sins."



We are grateful for a season filled with learning, laughter, and God's goodness. Wishing everyone a blessed and restful Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Oolman

2ND GRADE

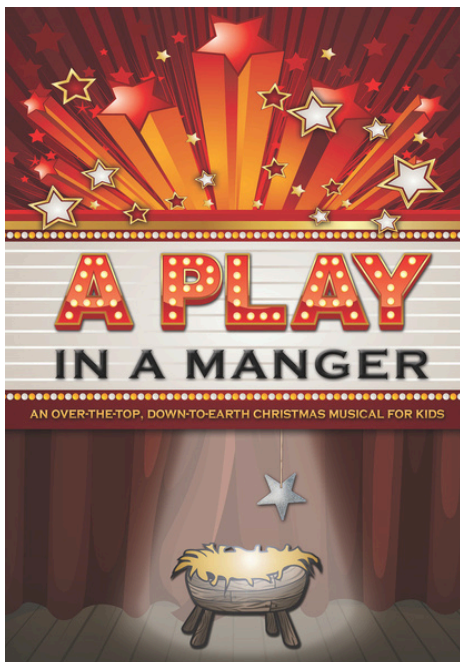
Communities are a big part of our lives. The second graders have been studying communities in social studies this past month. We talked about what makes a community a safe community and one where people would like to live. As a way to show what the students learned, they split into groups and made their own cities with their own rules that they thought should be followed. Students got a chance to use their toys from home to act out what rules/laws their community had.



In bible class we have talked about prayer and are currently working our way through the "Fruits of the Spirit". While we were talking about prayer and the different ways we can pray, students made prayer jars. Students wrote down people they could pray for as well as things they could thank God for. It was such a blessing to see the students excited about the project and singing along to worship songs as they worked. For our "Fruits of the Spirit" lessons, we begin each one with a short game or activity that the students learn and use to help them connect to the fruit we are talking about each day.

So far our studies have taken us through love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and goodness. I have loved watching the students work together to show these fruits of the spirit not only to each other in the classroom, but outside the classroom as well! In addition to learning the fruits of the spirit, we are also continuing to learn our Christmas bible memory, Luke 2:1-20. Yes, it is a lot of verses, but ask any second grader and they will show you the motions that we have used to make memorizing this important story a little easier! Keep up the great work second graders!

Mrs. Vander Berg



Ireton Christian School's
Fall Musical
Thursday, December 4
at 7:00 PM in the school gym

3RD & 4TH GRADE

The kids in our room have been busy learning in all of our subjects. Here are a few things we have been learning about....

Bible—We just finished a chapter on Judges. Wow! Those people sure didn't learn very quickly and repeated their sinful ways over and over again. We talked about how we are similar in our sin but so thankful for forgiveness. We are studying Ruth now.

Science—We finished a chapter on cells and made our own cells with jello cups, a fruit by the foot and a lemon drop was our nucleus. Yummy! Now we are learning about plants.

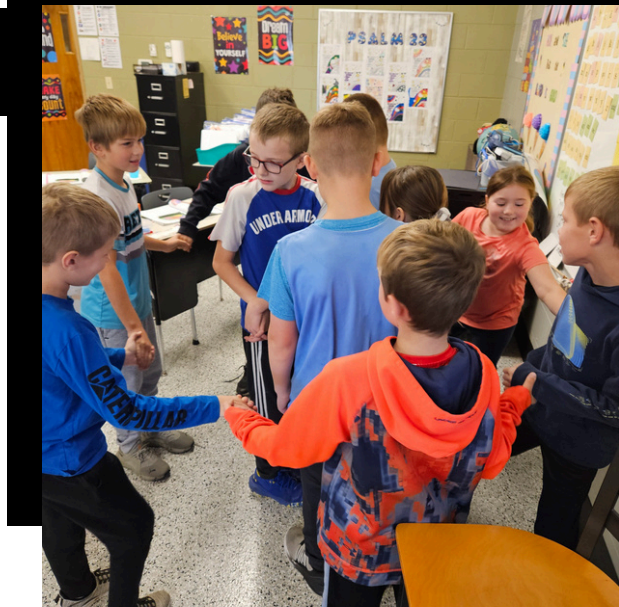


Wit and Wisdom—We have been studying immigration. We are blessed to live in the United States and are especially thankful for our freedoms. Many people came to America to be able to worship our God. The Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island are our field trip goals—haha!

Math—We keep learning more and more facts, how to solve problems, decimals and how important math is in everyday life.

We are all excited for the holidays coming soon and to spend time with our family celebrating them!

Happy holidays, Mrs. Sieck



OPERATION SHOEBOXES

Another awesome year for shoeboxes at ICS! Our goal was one for each student represented at ICS which is 81. We were able to pack 88! We are so grateful for the donations brought in, the money to buy items and the money to ship. Thanks to everyone! Our job is NOT finished yet, however. Continue to pray for the children who will receive these boxes and hear about Jesus for the first time in their lives. They will be given a Bible in their language and take classes about how Jesus can save them. What a HUGE blessing we get to be a part of. Jesus is the reason for the season!



5TH & 6TH GRADE



The 5th and 6th graders have been learning so many new things this year. They recently finished reading *Thunder Rolling in the Mountains*, a novel focusing on the Nez Perce Indians. We have begun studying the history of the Civil War in preparation of our next novel. They have developed skills in speech and writing poetry and various essays. In Bible class, we have been learning more about the life of Jesus and the Passover. They have been learning about fractions and algebraic equations in math.

We have had many opportunities to experience unique learning opportunities this month. We were able to attend the NISO symphony concert and hear beautiful music. We also had the opportunity to see the play "Fiddler on the Roof," which was produced by Western Christian High School. In October, we were able to attend Unity's Ag Day and learn more about being safe on the farm. Finally, we had the privilege to serve others by packaging Christmas shoeboxes. We look forward to more opportunities to serve the community and God.

Miss Schiebout



7TH & 8TH GRADE

Our seventh and eighth graders have made it through the 1st Quarter and are doing well in the 2nd quarter now! We ended our studies in science in the 1st quarter by creating human cells or cell analogies. We also did a stem project of who could build the tallest tower with twenty pieces of spaghetti, one yard of tape, one yard of string and a big marshmallow at the top. The goal was to have the tallest tower, using only those items. They did very well!

Now we are on to science in 5th and 6th Grades. We are currently studying how God created the world and all the changes that occurred during the flood. We are studying rocks and gemstones and just finished an experiment with growing crystals. Ask the kids about it!

Middle school math is full of fractions, mixed numbers, rational numbers, factoring, and problem solving. Every day we practice our math facts and do some mental math problems. Mrs. Brown has been doing some math games and engaging math problems to challenge some of our students even more!

In 7/8 Bible we just finished learning about all the Jewish feasts by having feast presentations! The students did a wonderful job! Now we are studying the life of Job, God's faithful servant!

Our student council is planning a volleyball pep rally next week and then different fun days of Christmas in December. Thank you to all who bought our baked goods and the shed we built at the Rally Day sale! We will use this money for future trips to Des Moines and Kentucky! Thank you for all your support!

Mrs. Hoogland



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MATTHEW 2:10



DECEMBER & JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



December 1 Hudson Byker
 December 8 Hunter Kroese
 December 9 Jade Bultman
 December 10 Charlotte Chadwick
 December 14 Marcus Kiel
 December 18 Donna Koopmans
 December 21 Taylor Hoogland
 December 30 Kason Dekkers

January 10 Mason Kramer
 January 12 Molly Carpenter
 January 14 Angela Kuperus
 January 16 Jaxon Van Driessen
 January 17 Leslie Ramirez
 January 24 Zachary Dekkers
 January 28 Katelyn Blankespoor

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