



AROUND THE CLASSROOM

Danville Lutheran School



MUSIC NOTES

Mrs. Tara Wells

We are off to a great start in music this year. 7th/8th grade are studying various styles of music, such as jazz, blues, rock, & hip-hop. The upper elementary classes are reviewing the lines and spaces of the staff and are learning to read using solfege syllables. We are playing a fun game both choirs called "Forbidden Pattern", where they are not allowed to sing a certain solfege pattern, but have to remember what it is while echoing other patterns. K-2 are learning or reviewing high notes and low notes using their voices and xylophones.

September 2018 Preschool

Mrs. Connie Marxman-Preschool 3/4

Yet another great group of children have been gifted to me this year. We are enjoying our additional space at the Trinity's campus where we get to roam, discover, learn and grow. We are beginning to understand our daily routine and learn our new friends names. We have met many people who are in different places on campus serving and sharing their love for Jesus with us. In the near future, the 'big' kids, 3rd - 8th graders, will be sharing some time with us. Each month, they will read to us, play alongside us, or help us with a project.

Mrs. Tabby Hammer-Preschool 3/4

The 2018-2019 school year is off to a great start. The children are getting to know one another and the routine of the classroom. We will begin September learning or reviewing shapes and colors. We will include them in circle time games, art time, and maybe even in a scavenger hunt. We will end the month learning about apples and making applesauce. In Jesus time, we will talk about God's creation and the fall into sin. Thanks to everyone that donated an item for our classroom.

Mrs. Sue Heidle-PreKindergarten

It is great to be back in the classroom. The Pre-K class has had a great start to the school year. We are reviewing our colors with a "Color of the Day." We will then review shapes and then start our Letter of the Week. In September we will learn what sunflowers and apples need to grow. We will have a Johnny Appleseed Party. In Jesus Time we learned how Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. We will talk about God's beautiful Creation and the First Sin. But as our Theme for the school year says, Jesus is Real, Jesus is Present, Jesus is God! Jesus rescues us from our sin. Until next month, blessings to you all.



SPECIAL SOCIAL STUDIES/HISTORY EDITION

Mrs. Penny Tibben-Grades 3/4

Third and fourth graders are practicing organized routines to follow as they get used to being together in the same room for the new school year. Third graders are studying the reasons people live in communities while the fourth graders are venturing out into the geography of the United States. Fourth graders will also be choosing their favorite state for a year-long state project. Third graders will gather information on the state of Illinois for their project. Both grades will be using chromebooks to locate information and practice technology skills. We continue to read Laura Ingalls Wilder books throughout the year to gain an appreciation for those 'good ole days!'

Mr. Dan Yagow-Grades 5/6

We are off to a great start in 2018-19. With our emphasis on social studies this month, we began with the skills of identifying an absolute location using latitude and longitude. Among other locations on earth, we have come to learn that Danville is located at 40 degrees north and 88 degrees west offering this location a seasonal climate with a balance of summer, fall, winter, and spring. Also, we are studying climate types and the factors that determine a climate such as latitude, altitude, and proximity to an ocean. In addition, we are reviewing the physical landscape of the United States and the various landforms and water bodies.

Mrs. Cathy Huff-Junior High

Welcome back to school! History lessons are well underway in the middle school. Sixth graders are learning to use a digital textbook for world history. So much of what we learn in ancient history is also found in the Bible. Our textbook even has the story of Ruth and Naomi. Seventh and eighth graders also use a digital textbook as they study American history. This year we are beginning with the late 1800's and the importance of the railroad. We look forward to learning how industry changed America and how America became a world power. We have an amazing history for a country so young. As we study history, we learn how God has provided for us in the past and promised to continue to be with us throughout all of history.



KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Marah Showers

We had eight eager and excited students stroll through the doors of kindergarten on the first day! It's been a fantastic start to the year, and they are motivated to learn everything kindergarten requires of them.

Our first unit in social studies will focus on what it takes to be a good citizen. We begin by learning the importance of following rules and working together. We then focus on taking responsibility and solving problems. At the end of the month, we are thrilled to embark on our first field trip with the 1st and 2nd grade classes to the apple orchard!

GRADE 1

Mrs. Sara Fauser

The first graders are off to an amazing start! All this month we will be learning all about our community. Our focus starts with the families that God gave us to help us learn and grow. Next, we focus on our school community and school helpers. We finish our unit with community helpers. God has given us so many people to help us. It is important for us to learn who we can turn to in our times of need. This unit teaches us to observe our community and find ways to serve our community. We will also learn about Johnny Appleseed and how he served God and others. We will finish this unit with a trip to Curtis Apple Orchard.

GRADE 2

Mrs. Katie Rouse

During the month of September, our Social Studies unit will focus on "Living in a Community."

Throughout the unit, we will learn what it means to be a citizen in a community. The students will focus on different community roles, the citizens' responsibilities, and how everyone works and lives together in a community. We will also learn a variety of skills throughout the unit including reading skills (finding the main idea), citizenship skills (working together), map and globe skills (read a map key), and chart and graph skills (use a calendar).