

Dear Parents,

It was so great to see all of you at Academic Night! If you have any questions please just send us an email and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

We are hoping to go on a few field trips this year and will need drivers. Remember in order to drive you have to have the paper work done first. That includes a background check, and the Safe Environment Training. Lucky for us the Safe Environment Training is being offered here at St. Luke! Here the information you need: September 27 the Safe Environment Training begins at 6 pm. Alex Nelson @ alexn@stlukecp.org to let them.

Yesterday and today, the classes created their Meteorologist tools. Our hope is that the children put these up and use them to see the wind direction, how much rain falls, wind speed and air pressure. Next week, we will be having the children journal about the weather and use that information to make predictions about weather. Two of these journal writings will be a part of homework the week of Oct. 3-7th. We are also hoping to graph the weather from different locations around the world, Each child chose different cities on different continents so that we can see what is happening around the globe and do some comparisons.

Homework is truly beginning next week. It's important to set up a place for them to work that has everything they need to be successful. If they need to take breaks try using a timer and having them look at one assignment and deciding how long they think they need to complete it. Then set the timer and see how accurate they were and help them to make adjustments for the next one. Remember spelling homework begins next week. Monday is always completing the Trace/Copy/Write page and bring it back in on Tuesday morning. The rest of the week they may choose from any of the choices on the Spelling Job sheet or a more physical way like throwing a ball or jumping on a trampoline as they spell their words. Always let us know if your child seems to be taking an inordinate amount of time on homework so we can make adjustments. They should **not** be spending more than 30 minutes a night on homework.

St. Luke School is piloting the new *digital* version of the 2nd Step program that we use to help the students with their Social Emotional Learning (SEL). We have attached to the email a copy of the first homelink which let's you know what Unit 1 will be covering and ways to practice these skills at home. In this next week's lesson your child will learn that when they learn something new, the brain changes as different parts of the brain begin to send messages to each other. Something you can follow up with at home is asking your child to explain what happens in their brain when they learn something for the first time.

The last Friday of every month is a Free Dress day. The first one will be on September 30th.

Coming up in the month of October is our annual St. Luke a thon! This is a wonderful community event that is a great fundraiser for our school. Information has been shared in the Thursday WRAP and more information is shared in the attachments below. We always have fun coming up with a theme to dress up as and it is a great opportunity for your children to encourage their grandparents, aunts and uncles and other family members to contribute to help our awesome school. The St. Luke a thon is on Wednesday October 18th. This is also a great opportunity to get some volunteer hours.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Valerie Sheehan and Susan Smith