



Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Dear Parents,

Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Ps. 103:1

We are a week into school, and we thank God for a great start to our school year. Thank you for all you do to help your child(ren) be successful in the school setting! Please let us know if there is anything we can help you with.

- **CHAPEL** will be held in the gym this week because there is a funeral in the church on Friday morning. Mr. Rooney will be helping with the funeral, so we are pleased to have Pastor Jeff Hunter speaking this week in chapel instead.
- **CHOCOLATE SALES** - Just a reminder that our chocolate bar fundraiser starts this week. Your child will bring bars home on Friday, so please look for those.
- **PICTURE DAY** will be held on Monday, September 28th. You received a picture packet in your Welcome Packet on Back-to-School Night. You can send your picture packet next week to the classroom teachers so that we will be ready for picture day.
- **FIELD DAY** information was sent home this week.
- **SHIGELLOSIS** We have been notified that there has been an increase in the number of confirmed Shigella infections occurring in the Sioux Falls area. Shigella is a germ that can be spread person-to-person through contact with the contaminated feces of an infected person. This most commonly happens when an infected person does not wash his/her hands properly after a bowel movement. After a person is infected, symptoms may develop within 1 to 3 days. Symptoms include frequent diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, fever and abdominal cramps. If your child has any of these symptoms, please **do not** send him/her to school. Proper hand washing is the most effective way to prevent shigellosis and many other diseases. Children should wash their hands with soap and water before eating or touching food, and after using the toilet, playing outside or petting animals. Please talk to your children about the importance of hand washing.
- **WEATHER CHANGES** We are at that time of the year that brings a mixture of weather. Please help your child come prepared for outdoor recess as the weather changes. It is a great idea to keep a sweatshirt or jacket in their backpacks.

Have a blessed week in the LORD!

Sincerely,

Ann Kuper