

Good morning parents,

Well, it seems that the flu is going around the area schools so I am reminding you to please keep your child home if they are running a fever. I am doing my best in our classroom to remind the children to cough in their elbows and wash, wash, and wash! Here are the symptoms to watch for that may signal the H1N1 flu: fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. There may be diarrhea and vomiting.

NEWS AND NOTES:

Many of the children need a refill of their pencil supply. They may have one pencil but the eraser is long gone! Please pick up a package of pencils for them to bring to school.

Please, please, please send water bottles with your child EVERY day. They need to drink as much as possible to stay hydrated and healthy.

Remember, there is NO school on Friday, Oct. 9 and on Monday, Oct. 12.

Reformation services will be held at Valley Lutheran High School on Wednesday, Oct. 28. We will travel by bus and will leave Gethsemane at 8:45.

Casual Day is on Wednesday, Oct. 14 and Friday, Oct. 30. Jamba Juice will be sold at noon on those days.

Parent conferences will be held on Thursday, Oct. 15 and Friday, Oct. 16.

Mrs. Elaine Crosby (a former teacher at Gethsemane) has agreed to teach art appreciation once a month for our class. The first class will be on Oct. 21.

IOWA tests will be given the week of Oct. 19.

We have started cursive! The children are very excited about it, too. This is a long process that will take us many months but I do enjoy their enthusiasm.

Jenna M. and her sister will be leaving our school after today. They are moving to a new home and the commute is too long. We will miss Jenna very much and wish her and her family God's blessings in their new home and school.

CLASSROOM:

Due to the short week coming up assignments will be limited.

MEMORY: Thursday, Oct. 15 #11

READING: The Butterfly House p. 156 - 175

SPELLING: NO TEST

ENGLISH: Unit 3 test coming up the week of Oct. 19. I'm not sure of the exact date. (grade is for 2nd qtr.)

God's blessings to you and your families.
Mary Lou Kusserow