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Knighly News

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Upcoming Events

- ★ **Mon., Jan 15: No School**
Martin Luther King, Jr Day
- ★ **Sun., Jan 28: Children sing at Zion's 10:30 a.m. service** as the finale of Lutheran Schools Week.

PTL News

- Our next meeting will be **February 5 at 6:30 p.m.**
- Gertrude Hawk Candy orders and a Family movie Night coming soon!

Christmas Cards: Miss Schendel is in need of your Christmas cards! When you are done reading and admiring them this year please send them in to her for projects.

Tools for Schools: If you haven't signed up, please do so at www.pricehopper.com and use our school code: **18736** to get dollars for our school just for shopping there. Lat year we used our points for some new gym equipment!

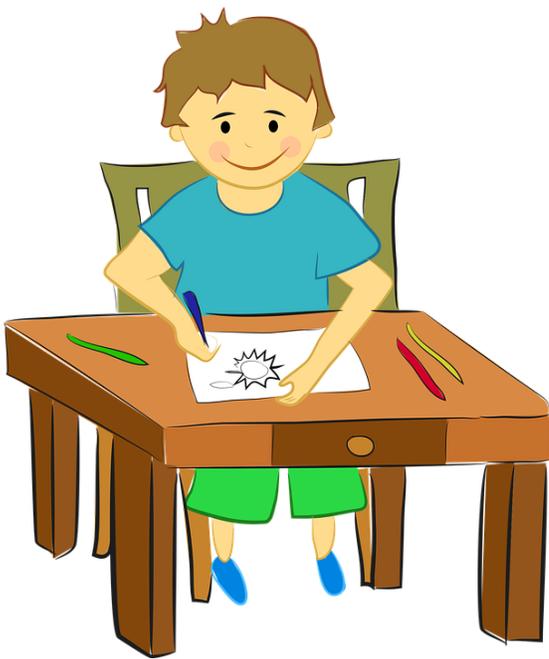
Noteworthy

- Your child needs a **change of shoes** now that there is snow outside. When your child comes to school s/he should change into a dry pair in the entryway before entering the gym. We are trying to keep the gym dry for Phys. Ed. class and in case of indoor recess. Don't forget sneakers for Phys. Ed. Days - Mondays and Thursdays!
- Your child needs **proper winter clothing** to be allowed to go outside for recess. Hats, gloves, boots and a warm coat are **required**. Snow pants are suggested for warmth, but are required to play in the snow. Thank you.

Snow Days and Delays: Zion follows the Owego-Apalachin School District for Snow days and delays. Check WBNG TV or WEBO News Radio for delays and closings. Often Zion is listed separately, but if we do not make the list and you see Owego on it, know that we are following them. When there is a 1 hour delay all students report to school. When there is a 2 or 3 hour delay Morning Pre-K students do not come in, but all full day students do. We will be following Owego for the new 3 hour delay option.

Lutheran Schools Week: Is coming fast! Please see the back for a full list of events! A few highlights though: Please join us at Zion's 10:30 Sunday Service and have the Children sing. The congregation supports your child's education and it is a great way to say thanks for their support! Grandparents Day invitations are on their way home to give to their grandparents. The children are very excited to have a Bowl-a-thon (a field trip to Owego Bowl) where the children will bowl for Lutheran Braille Workers. Pledge and driving information will be sent home soon. The children are asked to collect pledges per pin, or a flat fee for participating.

Chapel Offerings: Chapel money from the beginning of this school year through the end of January is being collected for Lutheran Braille Workers.



National Lutheran Schools Week Schedule

Monday: Jan. 22 Mascot Day!

The Rumble Ponies and Binghamton Devils Mascot will come play during the recess!

Tuesday: Jan. 23 OLYMPICS! In honor of the winter Olympics in Pyeongchang we will have our "own" games and crafts.

Wednesday: Jan 24

Grandparents Day! Enjoy the morning and poetry with our grandparents- Stay for lunch too!

Thursday: Jan. 25 Pajama Day!

Slumber party in the gym for the afternoon

Friday: Jan. 26 Bowl-a-thon

Field trip to Owego Bowl for our Bowl-a-thon for Lutheran Braille Workers

TOP TEN REASONS TO LEARN

CURSIVE: #1-4

Developing an attractive, legible cursive handwriting style certainly has great aesthetic value, but it also has numerous mental, physical, social and practical benefits.

1. Improved neural connections. Cursive handwriting stimulates the brain in ways that typing cannot. It improves the dynamic interplay of the left and right cerebral hemispheres, helps build neural pathways, and increases mental effectiveness. According to Virginia Berninger, a researcher and professor at the University of Washington, "Pictures of brain activity have illustrated that sequential finger movements used in handwriting activated massive regions of the brain involved in thinking, language, and working memory. Handwriting differs from typing because it requires executing sequential finger strokes to form a letter, whereas keyboarding only involves touching a key."

2. Improved ability to read cursive. When individuals cannot read cursive, they are cursively illiterate in their own language. The ability to read cursive is required in many settings.

3. Increased writing speed. The connectivity of a simple cursive style is faster to write than the stop-and-start strokes of printing. Speed has been shown to increase attention span during writing. This increases continuity and fluidity in writing, which in turn encourages greater amounts of writing.

4. Improved fine motor skills. "Cursive handwriting naturally develops sensory skills. Through repetition the children begin to understand how much force needs to be applied to the pencil and paper, the positioning of the pencil to paper at the correct angle, and motor planning to form each letter in fluid motion from left to right. This physical and spatial awareness allows them to write, but more importantly, builds the neural foundation of sensory skills needed for a myriad of everyday tasks such as buttoning, fastening, tying shoes, picking up objects, copying words from blackboards, and most importantly, reading."

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