



Gehlen Gazette



What's Happening

February 3, 2012

Dear Parents,

Gung Hey Fat Choy! Happy Chinese New Year! The "Year of the Dragon" began January 24th and this week we launched an Asian Studies unit. We located Asia on the world map and learned vocabulary such as "continent" and "hemisphere." This study will take us on a 7 week journey. Along the way students will be documenting their learning in an Asian Studies Journal. After absorbing general information about Asia, we focused on China. We learned that the Chinese New Year is a 15 day celebration that culminates with the Lantern Festival. This led to the creation of our own beautiful paper lanterns to hang for the festival on Monday. As part of our learning about Chinese New Year we listened to the story The Great Race: The Story of the Chinese Zodiac. This story told the legend of how the order of the 12 year zodiac cycle began. It was fun to learn which animal represents the years we were born.

In Math we wrapped up Unit 5 with some review time and our unit assessment. The Unit 6 Family Letter came home today. Next week, before launching this unit we will be working through our mid-year assessment.

Our Bible stories this week

focused on God's love for us. We learned about how the Holy Spirit worked through many prophets who foretold the Savior's birth.

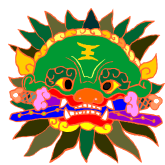
Valentine's Day is just around the corner! Our party will be Tuesday, February 14th from 12:00-1:30. Included in the box to the right is a class list if your child chooses to bring Valentines. Valentines should be brought for all classmates if your child chooses to participate.

Please be sure your child returns his/her library books on Tuesdays. We have had a number not make it back in time (or at all) and so new books cannot be checked out.

Next Friday is an early release day— 11:30 dismissal!

Have a great weekend!

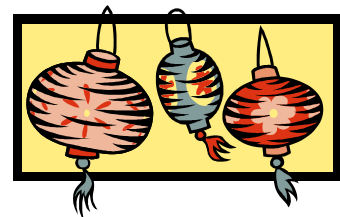
— Mrs. Gehlen



Forest Hills Lutheran School

The Leader In Me

Our habit focus this month is "Think Win-Win." The second and sixth grade classes presented this Habit at our assembly this morning!



Class List

Bella	Daniel
Gabriel	Grace
Holly	Jordyn
Juli	Kalia
Lucas	Monica
Naomi	Oliver
Porter	Rachel
Rebecca	Ruth
Ryder	Troy

Sharing Assignment: Valentine mailboxes!

With your help, your first grader needs to create a Valentine Mailbox using an empty box or a even a sturdy bag. Be creative and have fun embellishing it but most importantly be sure to have your child's name clearly marked on the box so that Valentines can be delivered with ease. These boxes do not have to come to school until Monday, February 13th. There will not be another formal sharing assignment next week, however I will be checking in with students on their progress. Have fun!