



# Gehlen Gazette



## What's Happening

February 5, 2010

**Forest Hills  
Lutheran  
School**

Dear Parents,

What a busy week we've had! Our "visit" to Asia had us learning about the Chinese zodiac calendar. We learned that this is the "Year of the Tiger" and celebrated with an art lesson from our "Art With Joy" program where we learned to draw tigers. We also used "pebblego" and other resources to gather facts and write about this endangered "night hunter."

Chinese New Year is just around the corner. We read about the Lantern Festival that happens on the 15th day of the new year celebration and made our own hanging paper lanterns.

With this new Asian unit comes a shift to another special author, Mary Pope Osborne— the author of The Magic Tree House series. So far we've listened to Day of the Dragon King and Night of the Ninjas. We've also just begun Tigers at Twilight.

In math we are having fun with turn-around facts. We are also working on "easy facts" (+0 and +1) as well as doubles. The week ended with number-changing "machines" playing "What's My Rule?" Please take a moment to read the Family Letter that came home in this week's folder that introduces the next unit.

This week we started our Home/School Journals. This is a weekly interactive writing project that will help connect your child and their learning to you at home. These journals are "interactive" in the sense that you as parents will be playing an active role in

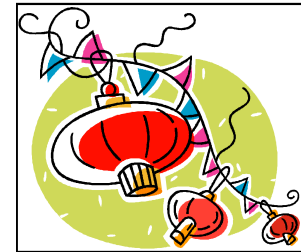
this communication experience. Each week your child will bring home their journal in which they have written a letter to you. The letter has several criteria which you will find on the inside of the front cover. Your child will have written a letter telling about what he/she is learning in school, include details about it, and ask a specific question of you. I ask that you use the following page to respond in a letter to your child. Please print and add an illustration if you feel like it. The intention, other than the obvious development of writing skills for your child, is to strengthen the home/school bond. Your children work hard on these letters and it is important that they bring their journals back to school each Monday. Thank you so much for your involvement in this part of your child's learning experience!

There is a lot going on next week. With both Valentine's Day and L.E.S.T. we have much to get excited about. We will be having our Valentine party at the end of the day on Thursday. 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. There is no school on Friday because of L.E.S.T. If you have an opportunity to attend any of the L.E.S.T. events I encourage you to do so. It's a great way to support our students and our school!

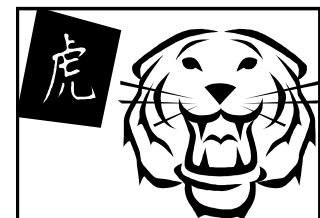
Have a fabulous weekend!



—Mrs. Gehlen



**Sharing Assignment:**  
No sharing next week.  
Our sharing will resume the week of February 22.



### Class List

Emma  
Gavin  
Grace  
Harrison  
Johnathan  
Kaylyn  
Kelsie  
Lily-Rose  
Lizzie  
Logan  
Lovee  
Ryan  
Tristin  
Wyatt