



Gehlen Gazette



What's Happening

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Dear Parents,

Well the mystery is underway! We came to school on Monday morning to discover a crime scene in the art space! And now our class, together with the multiage class, has embarked upon a journey through the world of the mystery genre. To kick this off, we worked on solving the "Mystery of the Borrowed Bear." We made careful observations of the crime scene, expanded our vocabulary with words like "suspects," "evidence," "clues," and "detective." We listened to the story of the suspects involved in the mystery and the events that took place before and after the incident. Then we created a table to organize the clues we saw and heard. Evidence was gathered from the crime scene and taken to the FHLS Crime Lab. On Thursday we became "crime lab scientists" and examined the evidence. Finally, we gathered again to make a determination about what happened. It was a great lesson in "jumping to conclusions." We learned that when we start phrases with words like, "maybe" and "probably," we are jumping to conclusions. Next week we will shift our focus to reading mysteries.

Math had us working with quarters and counting by 25's. We also spent time learning about digital clocks and telling time in increments of five minutes. This is a skill to continue practicing at home— if you have an analog clock. We also had a lesson on gathering and analyzing data in the

form of charts, tables and graphs. However, this is something we do throughout the year in various ways, and not just restricted to math time!

Our Book Fair is next week! A HUGE thanks to Lisa Schira and Tonya VanDyke for volunteering their time and talents to run this show! We went on Friday afternoon for a preview and created wish lists. Come check it out!

Next week is also National Lutheran Schools Week. It's a week of fun and fellowship as we gather each day as a school to celebrate the wonderful Christian community we have. **Monday is "pajama" day.** Students can wear p.j.s (or sweats) and they may bring 2 of the following— blanket, pillow, stuffed animal. They may bring slippers to wear in the classroom but must have regular shoes for recess, lunch and PE (yes, we'll do PE in our pajamas!). On **Tuesday** our class choice is a **beach theme.** Students may come in beach/Hawaiian attire but NOT swimsuits! If students wear shorts, we will still be going outside for recess and should bring sweats or something to go OVER the shorts. Flip flops are fine but again, keep in mind going outside. **Wednesday is "spirit" day.** Wear your FHLS shirts and/or colors. **Thursday is crazy hair/hat day.** And **Friday is "dress from around the world" day.**

Have a fabulous weekend!

—Mrs. Gehlen

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Sharing Assignment:
Next week's sharing is a pre-writing exercise. On the page provided, your child needs to write about a game that your family plays together. This could be a board game, a card game, a "talking game" (like "I Spy"), or any other special game you play together. After sharing, we will turn this writing into a final draft for a book that will accompany our auction project— which will be a beautiful, wooden checker board (thanks to the craftsmanship of Mr. Buck!). Tune in later for more details on this project!

