

Words of Hope
Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Christmas Dreams

This past week, I spent some time in our third grade class, observing some of the student presentations on “culture boxes” as they learned about other countries (which were amazing!), and also observing some literacy time. During the literacy time, our third grade teacher Mrs. Norton asked the students to close their eyes and think about “the most wonderful thing you have ever seen”. Mrs. Norton was using this topic as a writing prompt, but first the class had an interesting discussion about the wonderful things they have seen. I thought it would be fun to share about what is “the most wonderful thing” in the eyes of a third grader. Some of the items shared were:

- Presents under the Christmas tree
- Slidewaters (water slide park at Lake Chelan)
- Newborn baby
- First time at Disneyland
- The Menashe house at Christmastime
- Baby Jesus

As one of the students shared about baby Jesus being the most wonderful thing she had ever seen, of course another student pointed out that no one in the class had actually **seen** baby Jesus. Mrs. Norton was quick to remind them that this was the other student’s writing, and she could write whatever she wanted. The student, Emily, went on to write a beautiful imaginary story about being 18 years old and seeing baby Jesus. As Christmas approaches, I encourage you to think about the most wonderful thing you have ever seen, and dream along with Emily about that day when we will see Jesus ourselves.

Blessings on your Christmas,

Kristen Okabayashi

Upcoming School Calendar Events

Wed. 12/14: 1:30 & 7:00 PM Christmas Musical at Hope Church / No School Chapel
Fri. 12/16: 8:40 AM Chapel Service / Noon Dismiss – Christmas Holiday / ESC “XTRA”
Open 12:00 to 3:00 PM
Mon. 12/19 to Mon. 1/2/12: School Closed – Christmas Break / ESC “XTRA” Open Dec.
19, 20 & 21

Christmas Musical

The 1st - 5th grade students of Hope School invite you to attend their Christmas musical tomorrow, December 14 with 1:30 and 7:00 PM performances. The students will present WHAT CAN WE BRING. This musical tells the story of Christ’s birth through the eyes of the shepherds. This event will take place in the sanctuary of Hope Church. Parents please note that your child/ren will need to wear blue jeans and a navy school shirt. Shirts may be long or short sleeved.....just needs to be plain navy.

Extended School Care & Sand Dollar Club

Please note that our Extended School Care and Sand Dollar Club will be closed during Christmas/New Year’s break starting Thursday, December 22. They will both be open as needed on Monday, Dec. 19, Tue. Dec. 20 & Wed. Dec. 21. You will need to reserve your child’s place in ESC or Sand Dollar Club for those three days. Both programs will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2012

Hope Lutheran School Re-Enrollment to Begin Tuesday, January 3, 2012

Re-enrollment materials along with the tuition rates for the 2012-2013 school year will be coming home on Tuesday, January 3. Re-enrollment procedures must be completed each year for placement to be maintained for the following year. This is a 2 week period in which re-enrollment forms plus a \$150 per student registration fee (\$50 discount when registering more than one child) needs to be submitted to the school office by Tuesday, January 17. This will then reserve a place for your student for the following year. After this 2 week period, enrollment will open up to the community. We thank you for joining with us to help make Hope Lutheran School a great place for kids. We look forward to continuing our partnership with your family in the years to come!