

# PCS WEEKLY



February 1, 2019

## Urgent News

**Psalter Selection:** The psalter selection for next week will stay the same as last week, #312 verses 3 and 4.

**Art Prize:** There are a few changes regarding Art Prize this year. They are as follows:

Parents, grandparents, and friends will be invited into school to observe the projects during the day and will not be part of the voting process. Students and a panel of judges will do the selecting. This will eliminate another night out for parents.

All students will receive a prize for participating. Categories and other prizes will remain the same.

The afternoon of March 21st will be set aside for viewing student artwork and teachers will open their classrooms to parents to share additional projects, activities, etc., at specific times to be announced later.

Each art exhibit will have a comment box for people to share what they liked about the entry. These will be given to the students to read so they receive valuable feedback and encouragement.

## General News

**Hot Dog Hot Lunch:** A hot dog hot lunch will be served on Tuesday, February 5. This was the hot lunch that was to be originally served on January 23.

**Hot Lunch:** A pizza hot lunch will be served on Wednesday, February 6.

**Pancake Breakfast:** A big thank you to all who helped out on our pancake breakfast and to all those who came out in the cold and enjoyed the good food. Our profit was \$1,122.

**Friendship Week Activities:** The Friendship Day gift exchange and special activities are scheduled for Friday, February 15. Suggested prices for gifts are as follows:

Grades K-5	\$5.00-\$10.00 range
Grades 6-9	around \$15.00 range

Junior High hopes to visit some of our elderly friends in the church on Friday morning and go skiing in the afternoon. Grades 1 – 5 hope to go skating on Thursday.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, February 21. The conference schedule is attached to the memo email. We are looking forward to this opportunity to meet and share with you.

## General News Continued

**Allergy Reminders:** As we look forward to celebrating Friendship Week, we would like to remind all parents to be extra vigilant in checking the food and candy that is brought into the school. It is the desire of the school to provide a safe environment for all of its students. We thank you for your care and consideration. Listed below are a few suggestions from the Safe Snack Guide for people who have a peanut and/or tree nut allergy:

Charms Blow Pops  
Dum Dum Pops  
Good and Plenty  
Junior Mints  
Hershey's Chocolate Kisses, Plain and Special Dark  
Jolly Rancher Hard Candy  
Kraft Caramels  
Lifesavers Hard Candies  
Lifesavers Gummies  
Milk Duds  
Starburst Fruit Chews, All Varieties  
Starburst Jelly Beans, All Varieties  
Sugar Babies

**Soup Supper:** The Dorcas Guild's annual soup supper will be held on March 8. Dinner will be served from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. If you would be willing to serve or make food, please contact Mary Kieboom at marykieboom@att.net.

### Teacher Suggestion Tidbits-Cont.

Instead of asking your kids "how was your day" consider these conversations starters:

What made your teacher smile? What made him/her frown?

What is the most popular game or activity at recess time?

What are you looking forward to tomorrow?

**Kindergarten Readiness Procedures:** Our kindergarten entry policy includes a multifaceted approach to assessment of kindergarten readiness. The format includes an initial classroom visitation by the student to be followed by Gesell testing. The students will return for another classroom visitation experience that includes a little additional testing and opportunities for teacher observations. A committee consisting of the kindergarten and first grade teachers, administrator, and Gesell administrator will discuss the results and make a recommendation to the parents as to whether the child appears to be ready for a successful year in the kindergarten setting. Kindergarten readiness is vital to the proper development of the child. In addition, it provides a more balanced learning environment for fellow students and optimizes the quality of staff time. The dates established for this year are as follows:

**First classroom visitation:** Tuesday, February 26, 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

**Gesell Test:** Tuesday, March 5. (Please call Joan Blok for appt.-569-3125)

**Second classroom visitation:** Thursday, March 7, 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

**Gesell Results to Parents:** Friday, March 15.

If you know of any other families that may be interested in sending a child to kindergarten or any other grade, **please have them contact the school. This coming year, we have a need for additional kindergarten students from like-minded families. We have developed a brochure you can share with them about our school.**

**Item found:** A necklace with an "M" on the front and a saying "love your girls" on the back was found. Please contact Sandy Timmer if you have lost this item.

All this the Lord willing, and we live.