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## CARDINAL CHATTER

1/18-Vison Testing 9am

2/1-2/3- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Tournament FLS

2/4-PK-1<sup>st</sup> grade Sing

2/14- Valentine /Ash Wednesday

2/8-2/10-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Tournament FLS

3/8- Academic Bowl

**The New Oklahoma School Voucher Tax Credit is in effect!**

**All our Pre-School 4 year olds to seventh grade students MUST APPLY (8<sup>th</sup> Grade optional) between December 6 to February 5 for the new year at [www.parentalchoice.ok.gov](http://www.parentalchoice.ok.gov).**

**The cost of the 2024/25 school year will be \$6000 per child.**

**No financial changes will occur for this school year but you may be eligible for the State to pay.**

*Thriving Together* pamphlets are available in the school office for families of teens which help teach how to conquer anxiety, self-doubt and low motivation. A version for PK to 5th grade is also available to help build awareness, good decision making and self-regulation skills.

**INK & TONER RECYCLING:** Help us keep your costs down! If you have a new or used ink or toner cartridge that you are done with, please send them with your student and the teachers will get them to the office. We recycle these and earn credit on the supplies that the school purchases each month. THANK YOU for your help with this!

**Yearbook:** Please send in photos of sporting events, class parties, and field trips!!

[yearbook@flcspc.com](mailto:yearbook@flcspc.com)

**Principal--Mr. Birnbaum--** Happy New Year! I pray that we will have a blessed new year. Please stay safe and warm during these cold days.

**CARDINAL CARE – Heidi Daley:** Families that have children potty training in the two's room. Please make sure they have extra clothes sent daily. Make sure child's name is in their jackets. There will be a sign up sheet going out soon for Friday February 16th watch for that to go out.

**LIBRARY/Stem – Mrs. Manning:** Welcome back! I hope everyone stayed warm and cozy inside during this cold! MS and ELE are finishing up their career projects, and we will start a new project next week. Thank you to all those parents, friends, and loved ones who helped their students with career interviews! Have a wonderful week and stay toasty!

♪ **MUSIC** ♪ – **Mrs. Brey**-Preschool, Kindergarten, and First Grade sing in church on February 4th at 9am. We will be singing "This Is the Day." See you there!

**Religion—Mrs. Brey-** We are talking about the Christmas message, focusing this week on the visit of the wise men. Memory work will be this Friday, January 19, over Psalm 23.

**PRE-SCHOOL 3 – Mrs. Daine:** Brrrrrr! It's cold! Please be sure your child has a coat that is labeled. We are learning about cold weather, polar animals, letter P, number 16, and snowflakes. Have a blessed rest of your week!

**PRE-SCHOOL 4 – Mrs. Colvin--**Bbbbbrrrrrr it has been cold!! I hope you had a nice little break and got to stay in where it was warm! This week we are continuing our R, E, B cluster, and working on identifying the number 12, along with name practice. Our Bible words this week are: I trust in You, O'Lord. Psalm 31:14. Have a great hopefully warmer week!

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN 5—Mrs. Kelly** - Brr! I hope everyone is staying warm! I am still missing some report cards, if you haven't, please sign and return it and I will send one back for you to keep. Our 100th day of school will be on Wednesday, January 31st. Look for the notes in folders about our celebrations and canned food drive. Our Bible words this week are, Follow Me. Matthew 4:19 and Jesus manifested His glory. John 2:11 We are continuing the letters Rr,Ee,Bb and the number 11. Have a Blessed week!

**KINDERGARTEN – Mrs. Miller:** -- Wow, it is cold outside! I hope everyone had a great 4 day weekend. I still need 3 report cards back (signed). I will give you another copy of the card. This lets me know that you did see the card, and thank you to all the parents that have sent it back already. Also, if you want a conference with me please call or text me. I would be happy to meet with you. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, February 4th. Our class will be singing in Church with First grade and Pre-K. Have a remarkable week!

**FIRST GRADE – Mrs. Birnbaum--** Thank you for all the prayers this past week! I am happy to be back! 😊 Memory for Friday is John 3:16- For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Spelling words this week are words with vowel digraphs ee and ea. Our class will be singing in Church on Sunday, February 4 at the 9:00 service. Blessings on your week and stay warm!

**SECOND GRADE – Ms. Felton:** I hope you enjoyed your long weekend! Memory due Friday is the Second Commandment with its meaning. Next week's is the Third Commandment with its meaning. This week is intro to nonfiction, with Little House in the Big Woods beginning next week! Each student is reading a chapter book in class this week. Reading books and doing math facts are VITAL this quarter, so please be working on those for 20 minutes each day. We finished landforms in science, so now we'll spend the next 2-3 weeks on economics, which includes some in-class candy-making for a project! This week's key words will include: economics, scarcity, demand, supply. Spelling next week will be the last list on your spelling page - words ending in -le. I'll send the spring list of words home with students next week.

**THIRD GRADE – Mrs. Steichen:** Brrrr.. I pray you are all staying warm. Please make sure you send you child with a jacket. We have to walk to the gym and the cafeteria. I know it may seem like a short walk, but it is really cold out there. If the weather is above 32 degrees, they have the option to go outside and play at recess. This week: Memory: 1st Commandment and meaning, due on Friday. Spelling, Reading, Math fact quiz, and Language Test all on Friday. We have a math test tomorrow, and a 2x facts quiz on Friday. Next week, we will be doing 5x facts; look for flash cards to come home on Friday. Reading: next week we will start out next in class chapter book. This will mostly be done in class, but may need to read a chapter or two at home. We will just have weekly reading comprehension test. Have a wonderful week!!

**FOURTH GRADE – Mrs. Sibley:** Make sure we are dressed properly for the current weather. Kids are working hard on academics and organization as we are focusing on the future being fabulous Fourth Graders (especially with short weeks). Let me know if you want to sit down for a Parent Teacher Conference to make sure we have the right footings for the rest of the year. Mid terms are at the beginning of next month. I have heard some great ideas about the kids' Valentine's Day Boxes. All directions have been in the Friday Letter. Please come to me if you have any questions. Blessings as we Love the Lord!

**FIFTH GRADE – Mrs. Harbeson:-** -Memory due this Friday, and we will have a spelling test. Keep reading to make your AR goal



## Basketball

Jan 15-19	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	McCord Tournament
Jan 19-20	Varsity Girls	Trinity Tournament- Jefferson City
Jan 22	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	@The Academy JVG 4:00, JVB 5:00, VG 6:00, VB 7:00
Jan 22-27	JVG/JVB	McCord Tournament
Jan 29	3/4B, JVG, JVB	McCord ¾ B 5:00, JVG 6:00, JVB 7:00
Feb 1-3	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	FLS 4 <sup>th</sup> grade Tournament
Feb 5	JVG,JVB,VG,VB	VS Dewey JVG 5:00, JVG 6:00, VG 7:00, VB 8:00
Feb 8-10	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	FLS 6 <sup>th</sup> grade Tournament
Feb 9-10	VG/VB	HCAA Tournament VG/VB TBA
Feb 16-18	VG/VB	Texas State Tournament -Tomball Tx
Mar 21-24		LBAA Nationals – Ft. Wayne, IN

**7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> MATH – Mrs. Stewart--** 8th Grade (Adv): We had a quiz over Lessons 6.1-6.3 on Tuesday. We will be continuing with Chapter 6 for the next week. We are learning how to solve and graph inequalities. If we do not have an in class quiz, then your student has homework. A few students are coming to class without their homework or with it incomplete. I indicate this in the grade book. Thanks for your help!

8th Grade (Reg) & 7th Grade (Adv): We will have a quiz over Lessons 6.1-6.4 this week. We will be continuing with Chapter 6 for the next week. We are still working with ratios but are now applying this concept to geometry by comparing similar and congruent shapes.  
 7th Grade (Reg): We had a quiz last week over Lessons 6.1-6.3. We are continuing Chapter 6 and working with negative and positive integers. This week we will be multiplying, dividing and comparing.

**LANGUAGE – Ms. Kester:** In ELA, the rest of the week consists of continued progress in grammar as we prepare to test at month's end. Students will also take a vocabulary test this month. Other than that, middle schoolers should be reading their class books at home daily.

**SCIENCE – Mrs. Porter-Cain:** BRRRRR! Bundle up Cardinals! While I know everyone wishes they were at home in this cold, we are thankful for a warm school to come to! Please, do not send your child to school without appropriate outer wear! Even if we are not outside at recess, they have to go between buildings and lunches! If you are in need of outer wear, please contact us and let us see if we have something that will work or help!  
 We will be testing in Science on Thursday!

6th Grade- we are finishing up our chapter over Erosion!

7th Grade- we are closing the chapter on maps and mapping!

8th Grade- mutations and biotechnology! See ya!

**P.E.--** In PE we will play knock out and 4 square!

**BASKETBALL -** Basketball- Our 3rd and 4th grade boys competed in the McCord 4th grade tournament this past week! Lots of great basketball was played! 4th Grade boys brought home **SECOND PLACE!** 3rd Grade boys got **FORTH PLACE!!** These boys are all so much fun to watch!! Over the weekend the Varsity boys played in the Trinity Tournament in Jefferson City, MO! They battled hard and brought home **SECOND PLACE!!**

Varsity Girls will be playing at Trinity in Jefferson City, Mo this Friday and Saturday!

As we are getting into the heaviest time for tournaments and basketball, please stay aware of your child's classroom performance and responsibilities! **GO CARDS!!**

**SOCIAL STUDIES – Mr. Brey--** 6/7: We are going to finish our government unit this week.

Students should know the branches of government and how they work together.

8th: Students will be diving into the Civil War later in the week. They will be able to explain its causes, and the effects of the Union winning after next week.

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 Reaching out with Jesus, Walking together in Jesus*



- What:** Kenpo Karate Training
- When:** Monday & Friday 5:00-5:45pm – Little Tigers (4-6 yrs old)  
Monday & Friday 5:30-6:45pm – Beginner Class (>6 yrs old)
- Who:** Ages 4 and up  
Families encouraged!  
No prior martial arts experience required!  
Taught by 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt Sensei Tim Burden
- Where:** First Lutheran School Cafeteria
- Why:** To train, develop, and promote health and fitness for students interested in the martial arts style and discipline known as Kenpo Karate
- How:** Contact Sensei Tim Burden  
580-491-2212 (text or call)  
@dragonvstigerkenpokarate on Facebook  
timothyburden1976@gmail.com
- Cost:** \$60 per month per student  
Family discounts for three or more enrolled in karate classes.  
Promotional deal (for new karate students only) of **50% off** the first two months of karate offered to First Lutheran Church and School students/families and church members.  
Come try a free class!