

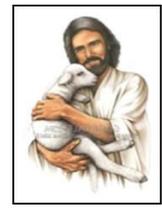
# "News from Your School"

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**The Necedah National Wildlife Refuge** was Gr. 1-8 first field trip opportunity for the school year. We truly enjoyed the opportunity to explore a beautiful corner of God's creation as we practiced our science skills. We enjoyed learning about "Life in a Log" and how to evaluate water quality during "Pond Study." After lunch, we took a habitat hike through many ecosystems including a savannah, a popple forest, and a wetland, enjoying the wonders of God's creation. Throughout the day, we recorded our findings and sketches to use back in the classroom. Our guides loved that we were so well-prepared and actively engaged throughout the day. Our final efforts are on the large bulletin board in the classroom. Please take time to read our reports!



**Other Special Opportunities:** Grades 1-8 also had the opportunity to see a musical production of "The Stinky Cheesman" at the PAC at Lincoln High



School. We enjoyed front row seats, singing, dancing and the acting. But the best part was, during the show, Mrs. T was brought on stage to be a part of the show for a bit! ☺ Then, later in the month, we had the Rome Fire Department come to present what all was involved in serving as a part of a volunteer fire department. It was very informative, and we even got to take turns spraying the big hose!

**Preschool News** Our preschoolers have enjoyed learning about Creation, Adam and Eve, and Three Men in the Fiery Furnace during our Bible Story Spotlight. Classroom themes that have coordinated with these stories include learning about Apples, Life at the Zoo, All About Me, and Fire Safety. You may have noticed that our classroom contains A LOT of toys, but did you know they are divided throughout five different learning centers? Research shows that children learn best through play, but just like us big people, they don't all learn in the same way. Therefore, by dividing our room into age appropriate learning centers the students are able to move freely throughout the room engaging in toys and activities that excite them. In turn they gain a better understanding of our Bible stories and weekly themes. Over the next few months we will introduce one of our learning centers, explain its purpose, and give examples of its content. We will begin with the Quiet Area. The Quiet Area is a small space that is designed to allow the students to engage either on their own or with a friend in a calm and controlled environment. This area is usually extremely popular with students that have a shy disposition, enjoy learning through stories and puzzles, or those that are seeking some time to themselves. Some examples of activities within this area include Bible stories and books about our current theme, flannel board activities, lacing beads, and puzzles. Check back next month when we introduce the Dramatic Play Center, that is always a classroom favorite! In the meantime, we would like to thank everyone for their prayers and words of encouragement as we continue to create a curriculum that brings God's Word to these little ones and their families.

**Labels for Education Update** Look what we were able to purchase with the Moola Milk caps/strips! These four school grade microscopes are super for looking at things up close. The new microscopes are higher in power and much more clear than our older models. The bonus is we are continuing to put what we learned on our Necedah Wildlife Refuge field trip to use by testing the water quality of random bodies of water which we all live near. **So, ....** continue to save **box tops** and **milk caps/strips**. You can continue to deposit those items in the container by the coat racks. *Thank you for your support!*



*A Happy, Blessed Thanksgiving to ALL*



*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13*