

# Mrs. Cline's NEWS & NOTES

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## What's Coming Up?

Date	Events
Tues. 1/31	PM PreK - Bry Treats
Wed. 2/1	AM PreK - Adeline Treats
Thurs. 2/2	Science Fair 6:30-8:00 PM <b>Help needed!</b>
Tues. 2/14	PS & PM PreK Valentines' Parties
Wed. 2/15	AM PreK Valentines' Party
2/20 & 2/21	NO SCHOOL Parent-Teacher Conferences
2/22 2/23 2/24	NO SCHOOL



Families,

"P Week" was low-key and lots of fun. We enjoyed PJ Day with Popcorn, Pillows, and Pigeon movies. On Tuesday, we had a visit from a Policeman, Officer Holmes. Out of the mouths of my Preschool students during the presentation:  
 Officer - "If there's an emergency and you need help, you can call the police." Preschooler - "Or you can call a super hero."  
 Office - "I stop bad guys from making poor choices."  
 Preschooler - "But there are no bad guys in Michigan."  
 We also got to see how Officer Holmes' taser works, and he showed us some of his other equipment.

Throughout the week, we read many books by Mo Willems. The children absolutely loved Knuffle Bunny and Mo's pigeon books. I strongly encourage you to check these books out from the library or purchase them for your home! Mo's books enabled us to really focus on character's feelings, punctuation, and getting more information from the pictures. We learned about speech bubbles and thought bubbles. The simple text and format of Mo's pigeon books is easily replicated by young authors, and the children were quite excited to write their own books this week. In fact, one day we even had to add an extra table to the Book Making Center! When your child comes home with books he or she has written, please ask him or her, "Will you read your book to me?" Even if there are no written words, your child will be putting to practice his or her knowledge of how stories usually go. I look forward to talking with you more about this at Conferences!

Please email me if you are available to help with the Science Fair on Thursday. Thanks!

Mrs. Cline

## Hearts for Jesus - Update

St. Michael's Lutheran School and Christ for Kids are currently participating in a fundraising effort called "Hearts for Jesus," which raises money to provide children in poor countries with Christian educations, through the Children's Christian Concern Society. Visit <http://cccskids.org/> for more information. **Next week, children will have the opportunity to buy paper hearts for \$1 each.**

The children in PS through Grade 8 will try to fill the bulletin board outside our classroom!

## Things We're Learning About Right Now

**Letter of the Week:** P p

**Nursery Rhyme:** Peas Porridge Hot

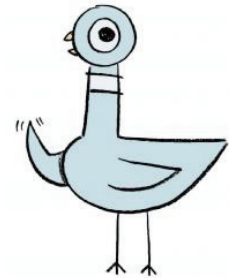
**Bible Story:** Boy Jesus in the Temple (Jesus Teaches Teachers); The Healing of the Canaanite Woman's Daughter

**Bible Verse:** Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the devil.  
Ephesians 6:11

**Math:** Weight; Heavy & Light; Graphing

**Language Arts:** Sorting letters; Speech bubbles & thought bubbles;  
Noticing details in pictures; Characters' feelings; Making predictions; Making text-to-self and text-to-text connections; Writing books that go the way stories usually go

**Read Alouds:** Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus; Don't Let the Pigeon Stay up Late; The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog; Knuffle Bunny (all by Mo Willems)



### This Week's Nursery Rhyme

#### Peas Porridge Hot

Peas porridge hot.

Peas porridge cold.

Peas porridge in the pot,

Nine days old.

Some like it hot.

Some like it cold.

Some like it in the pot,

Nine days old.



### A Song We're Singing

#### The Lord's Army

I may never march in the infantry,  
Ride in the cavalry,  
Shoot the artillery.

I may never soar or' the enemy,  
But I'm in the Lord's army. Yes, sir!

I'm in the Lord's army. Yes, sir!  
I'm in the Lord's army. Yes, sir!

I may never march in the infantry,  
Ride in the cavalry,  
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I may never soar or' the enemy,  
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### Ideas for Learning at Home

\* There are so many great things that start with P! We didn't have time to do them all. I encourage you to check out books, make things, draw pictures and play with... princess, pirates, pigs, pink & purple, polka dots... You can also read the Pinkalicious books and the Pete the Cat books!

\* Take two pieces of paper, fold them in half, and staple them together to make books for your child. Books are the most authentic thing children write at this age, because it the type of writing they see most frequently. And, as you know, children at this age LOVE to tell stories. Build on that, and encourage your child to WRITE stories at home! (Don't worry about spelling! Just help your child believe he is an author!)