

Grandparent's Day *by Winta K.*

Word of Life will be celebrating some very special people on October 18th. Grandparents! Although we celebrate them in October at Word of Life, Grandparent's Day is technically September 9th. The whole purpose of this day is to show love and respect to our elders, and for our grandparents to give us guidance and strength to make them proud. It may surprise you how many stories your grandparents have to offer you to help you if you're sad or even to make you laugh.

Have you ever thought about if your grandparents have fought in a war or perhaps traveled the world? You can learn so many things and maybe even find a new interest in something. Grandparents share time with us at important events and support us in our endeavors. It's nice to show appreciation to them. You can write a letter, draw a picture, or take them out to a nice restaurant to thank them for all they do. There are a countless number of ways to show your grandparents

you love them. Even though most schools celebrate this day in October, that doesn't mean we should just celebrate grandparents one day of the year. We should appreciate the grandparents in our lives because they share wisdom and knowledge from their past to better our future.



Word of Life student, Antoine W., enjoyed spending time with his grandparents last year during the Grandparent's Day festivities.

Jesus Walks on Water *By Rahel D.*

It is a blessing to be at a school where we get to learn about God and walk in our faith every day. This section of the newspaper will be highlighting different stories from the Bible that will be studied with our faith families this year. Our first Bible story comes from Matthew 14:22-33 which shares the encounter of Jesus walking on water.

Jesus' disciples were on the sea in a boat, and a storm had occurred. They were terrified and to top it off, a ghostly figure appeared. The figure came closer

and told them not to fear. It was actually Jesus walking on the water. Peter, one of Jesus' disciples, did not not believe Him, so Peter asked Jesus to let him walk to-



wards Him on the water. So Jesus agreed, and Peter began to walk on water. But, then Peter became flustered by the storm around him and started to sink. Jesus immediately grasped Peter's hand and asked why he had little faith in Him. This story is an example of when we as sinners forget to trust in Jesus and how we sink into sin. We as Christians should always rely on Jesus when we are troubled and dismayed. Without him we are lost like Peter, but if we focus on what matters, we are able to do all things in Him.

Preschool News

by Mya B.

Hello students and parents, I'm sure you're wondering about all the wonderful and exciting things the preschoolers have been up to these past few weeks. Mrs. Maxfield's class have been getting to know one another by sharing each others likes and dislikes, and have also been learning how to use and respect the classroom resources.

I'm sure when all of the pre-school children returned this year they were elated to see new and old faces. But most of all I'm sure they were bursting with joy when they saw Benny the Bird again. Benny the Bird is a puppet that lives in the preschool mailbox. Each morning Benny the Bird prepares the pre-school children for what they will be learning about that day and he also shares stories with them.

Mrs Maxfield's class will wrap up this month by celebrating Johnny Appleseed's birthday, which is on the 26th of September. They will be doing lots of fun projects related to apples, and they will also be cooking apple-flavored treats. In conclusion, I'm sure that the preschoolers in Mrs. Maxfield's class will be looking forward to the adventurous year ahead, especially with all the thrilling things they get to do.



Lulu and Emma from Mrs. Maxfield's class completed a fire truck puzzle.

SPORTS

Cross Country

by Sam C.

With school up and running, let's talk about our runners. Cross Country has started! Cross Country is an after school activity where K-8 students spend time practicing at the park. They get to run laps around the park and do sprints. Third grader, Kaydee T., stated, "You get to exercise and it will help you run." They also get to participate in meets where they race with other Lutheran schools. Mrs. Sample, a Cross Country coach, added, "God has given them the ability and the rest is up to them."

Volleyball

by Jaylee S.

Both volleyball teams have had a mind-blowing start. The A team is made up of 7th and 8th grade girls and one sixth grader led by courageous Coach Maxfield. The B-team is made up of 5th and 6th grade girls led by high-spirited Coach Stiles. Their first match was at the end of August against Abiding Savior. The A-team sorrowfully lost, but the games were nail-bitingly close. They won

the first and lost the second and third by two points! The B-team took home the victory and had their second game against St. Marks' Eureka and won. The A-team lost their next few matches, while the B-team won their next couple matches. 7th graders Elga and Nabeyet from the A-team explained, "We need a stronger pass to the setter." The A-team Coach, Mrs. Maxfield, claimed, "The team has had significant growth from the beginning of the season and they've learned to work as a team. The players are learning to use their serves as a weapon. An area we need



The B-Team huddles together as Coach Stiles prepares them for their game.



A-Team players watch intently as they cheer on the B-Team.

to work on is service reception." The A-team had a tournament in Zion Belleville and won their final game which was against Evansville Lutheran. Matches against Zion brought a win for the A-team and a loss for the B-team. So far the B-team is 5-1 and the A-team is 1-4 in the regular season games. GO COUGARS!

Celebrity Look-Alikes

by Janet P.

The first celebrity look-alike of the month is the 6th grade and middle school science teacher Mr. Dehn and James Rodriguez. James is a highly ranked Colombian soccer player for German club, Bayern Munich, and the Colombia national team. James Rodriguez and Mr. Dehn are alike by their smile, their body type, and their nose. They are also both athletic.



Mrs. Bolling, teacher



Ariel Winter



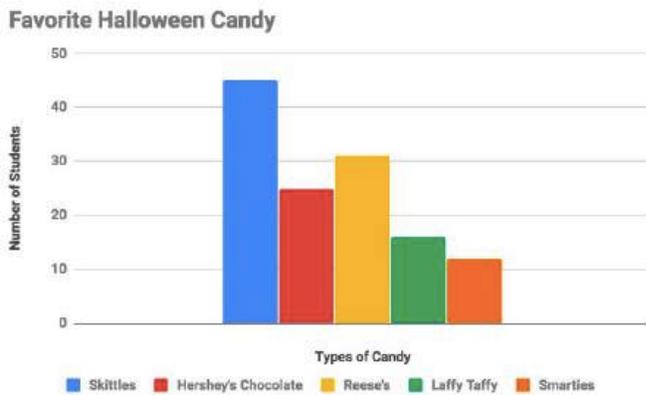
Mr. Dehn, teacher



James Rodriguez

The second celebrity look-alike is our preschool and art teacher, Mrs. Bolling, and Ariel Winter. Ariel Winter is an American actress and voice actress. She is known for her role as Alex in the ABC comedy series, Modern Family, as well as the voice of the title character in the Disney Junior show, Sofia the First. Ariel Winter and Mrs. Bolling are alike by their hair color, eye color, and their smile.

Favorite Halloween Candy by Elga K.



This month, the K-8th grade students were surveyed about their favorite halloween candy. This survey should help families prepare for Halloween and determine what candy to buy for trick or treaters. From the candy choices, most of the kids chose Skittles as their preference. Smarties and Laffy Taffy were the least preferred. So if you are going to the store to buy candy for Halloween, Skittles and Reese's may be popular choices.

Restaurant Review: by Will M.



For the month of September the restaurant spotlight is... Pretzel Boys! Pretzel Boys has three locations; 11750 Manchester Rd., Des Peres, MO, 3802 S. Lindbergh Blvd., Sunset Hills, MO, and 5006 Hampton Ave., St. Louis, MO. Their main dish is... you guessed it, pretzels! But these pretzels aren't your ordinary ballpark pretzels. As well as softies, they have pretzel dogs, which can either be a hot dog, brat, or cajun chicken dog, wrapped in a pretzel! If you are looking for a good party treat, look no further, because you can even get things like numbers, sports logos, and holiday shapes! The staff is very kind. One time I realized that I hadn't bought enough softies, and they let me come back and buy another! I was very relieved that I could still get the other pretzel that I needed. This restaurant, from the good food to the kind workers, is amazing! I give it five out of five stars!



Movie Review by Nabeyet G. and Jack J.

Hooray! The new school year is here! Now that summer is over, fall has arrived, and that also means new movies! So grab your tickets, popcorn, and drinks, and let the movies begin!



The primary movie of the month is *The House with a Clock in Its Walls*. This spectacular movie is about a 10 year old boy named Lewis who lives with his uncle in a ramshackle, old house that makes a mysterious tick-tock noise. Lewis accidentally wakes up the dead that opens a new world with warlocks and witches, but what he doesn't know is that his Uncle is a warlock! This movie is rated PG and came out on September 21st.

Jurassic World the Fallen Kingdom is the latest movie of one of the most loved franchises of all time! Rated PG-

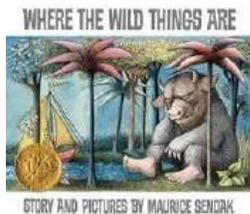
13 and with a runtime of 2 hours and 10 minutes, *Jurassic World The Fallen Kingdom* is an exhilarating film. Directed by J.A. Bayona, the visuals by ILM studios were AMAZING! With impressive fight scenes and a wholesome plot, *Jurassic World the Fallen Kingdom* is a movie where you are waiting for the climax but it is definitely worth it! Not only are the actors amazing, but it really highlights the difference between right and wrong. And of course, you can never go wrong with dinosaurs! From the classic and humongous T-rex to a little Stygimoloch to our favorite Velociraptor, Blue, to the fearsome new dinosaur. (No spoilers!) I give Jurassic Park a nine out of ten for having plot twist, interesting characters, amazing realizations and stunning visuals.



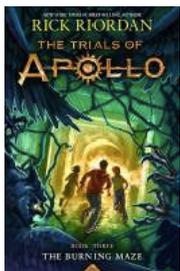
Book Review

by Winta K. and Will M.

This month's primary book is *Where The Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak. The book is about a very mischievous boy named Max who finds his way to a land of mythical creatures called the Wild Things. Max becomes there king, promising all the wild things will have happiness and fun adventures. But, Max soon realizes that being the leader isn't as easy as he thought and feels lonely within the group. This is a great book to anyone who enjoys fantasy. You'll be sure to get a good laugh out of this.



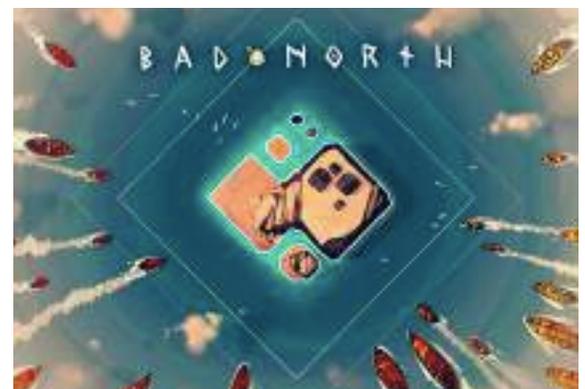
Have you ever wondered if there are any good books out that you haven't read yet? Well, here in The Roar we have some suggestions for you! The middle school book spotlight for the wonderful month of September is [drumroll please] *The Trials of Apollo: The Burning Maze*. This book was released by Rick Riordan on May 1st, 2018. *The Burning Maze* is the third book in one of Riordan's newest series, *The Trials of Apollo*. This book takes place primarily in modern day California. Apollo, who used to be the god of the sun, until Zeus punished him, is the main character of this series. He, his master and friend Meg McCaffrey, along with Grover, the satyr, are trying to stop Triumvirate Holdings, which is a corrupt corporation formed by Three immortalized evil emperors. Among their numbers are emperors such as Nero, Commodus, and one more that is one of the many startling discoveries in this book. I normally love all of Rick Riordan's books, but I felt that this one wasn't quite up to par. There are many ups and downs in this book, and even some tragedy. But overall, this is an acceptable book and it is worth reading. I give it three out of five stars.



Video Game Review: Bad North

by Jack J.

Rated T, Bad North is an action-packed strategy game where the player commands their units against a horde of viking invaders! In Bad North, players take their units from island to island defending them from the barbaric viking horde. Players can have four units defending an island as three different classes: archers, pikemen, and swordsmen. To level up units and abilities players must collect gold. Players get this by preventing houses from being burnt when you are in battle. The vikings range from simple footmen and archers to elite swordsmen and berserkers! Currently available on the Nintendo Switch, Xbox One and Playstation 4. I give Bad North a 9 out of 10 for being a casual, but interesting and in-depth game at the same time.



Cougar Contest *by Bella B.*

Studies show our brains are more active and productive around September and October, which means right now is the perfect time to get super creative. September and October also, as you may have noticed, is around the time trees start changing from bright green to your favorite autumn shades, such as red, yellow, and orange. I was thinking it would be awesome to draw and color our own leaves! You can color your leaf any color, make it any size, any shape, you can even draw some other things inside your leaf! Make sure it is your best work, and very unique. At the end of the month I will decide who made the best leaf, although I'm sure all of your leaves will be beautiful.



America's First School *by Bella B.*

Every single year I ask myself the same question, and I'm not sure if you've been asking yourself the same question, but I wonder, "What was America's first school like?" Well, with a little research I've answered my vexing question. I found out the first school in America was founded in 1635 by Rev. John Cotton in Boston, Massachusetts. Rev. Cotton was born in England, and wanted his school to model the Free Grammar School in England. The school was called Boston Latin and it was a free boys only school. The school wasn't actually completed until 1645, ten years after it was founded, so the first classes were held in the house of Philemon Pormort, who was the headmaster.

Here at Word of Life, students can learn very unique and interesting things,



such as Spanish, math and art, but at the first school in America, things weren't so colorful and fun. The school primarily taught Greek and Latin to its students. Speaking of the students, they were quite fascinating. It turns out five of the signers of the U.S. Constitution went to this school, including John Hancock, Samuel Adams, and William Hooper. Even though he dropped out of the school, a statue of Ben Franklin stands strong outside of the school, which, although it has relocated several times, is still operative today. Now, both girls and boys living in Boston from grades 7-12 can enroll in America's First School.

Reese's Apple Nachos *by Hawa S.*

It's a new year and a new month which means all new recipes. Since fall is approaching, it's the perfect time to make the perfect fall treat. The recipe of the month is Reese's Apple Nachos. You can find this delicious recipe on www.delish.com. It's the the perfect fall treat and wonderful for Reese's lovers. So enjoy this recipe and the rest of the month.

INGREDIENTS

- 4 Pink Lady apples, cored and thinly sliced
- 1 c. peanut butter, melted
- 1 c. chocolate chips, melted
- 1 c. chopped Reese's miniatures
- 1 c. Reese's pieces

DIRECTIONS

1. On a large plate, arrange apple slices on top of one another. Drizzle half of the melted peanut butter and melted chocolate on top.

2. Sprinkle with chopped Reese's candies. Then drizzle with more melted peanut butter and melted chocolate.



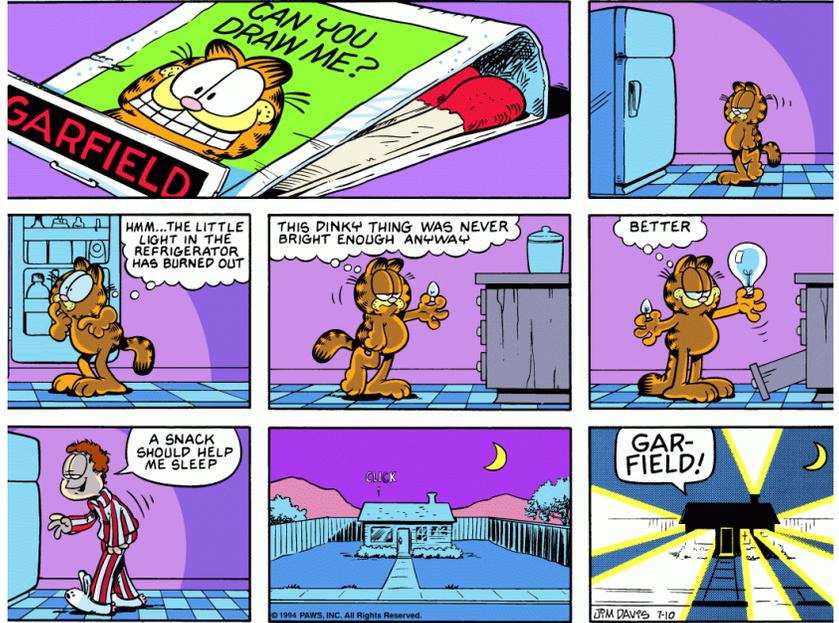
Birthdays

Maya G. 8/2
 Micah S. 8/6
 Luther W. 8/7
 Mrs. Thies 8/7
 Mrs. Mueller 8/8
 Zachary R. 8/10
 Aiden Z. 8/12
 Christin J. 8/12
 Nora D. 8/13
 Adeline D. 8/19
 James D. IV 8/19
 Mrs. Menner 8/19
 Gabriella B. 8/22
 Will M. 8/23
 Gavin H. 8/26
 Hawa S. 8/31
 Robbie M. 9/1
 Hunter M. 9/1
 Khloe M. 9/2
 Esther G. 9/4
 Jacob R. 9/5
 Annette C. 9/7
 Kibur B. 9/7
 Zane N. 9/9
 Skylar L. 9/15
 Mrs. M. Maxfield 9/16
 Andrew Rai 9/19
 Marlena B. 9/21
 Meave G. 9/22
 Lila I. 9/28
 Brenden B. 9/28

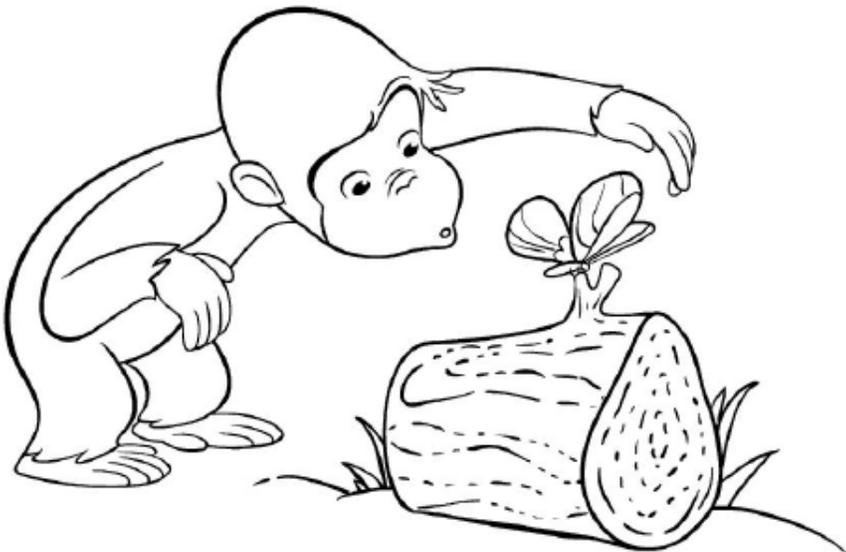
Baptismal Birthdays

Abigail W. 8/1
 Abraham W. 8/1
 Anya S. 8/2
 Kiera S. 8/2
 Jacob H. 8/3
 Nabishina F. 8/8
 Chloe J. 8/10
 Kibur B. 8/10
 Elizabeth B. 8/12
 Thomas M. 8/15
 Ella H. 8/25
 Gavin H. 9/3
 Lisa V. 9/9
 Derek P. 9/11
 Will M. 9/25
 Peighton G. 9/28

Comic by Sam C.



Kids' Page by Mya B.



Word Scramble

1. ppale _____
2. knipmpu _____
3. kyetur _____
4. wroc _____
5. eert _____
6. eip _____
7. acrno _____
8. rkea _____
9. cron _____
10. laef _____