

HURRICANE WATCH

August 28, 2023

Week 4

Q1 Parent Forum Presentation & Video

Thank you to all our parents who participated in the 1st quarter parent forum August 23. You can access the [presentation slides here](#) and the [Google Meet recording here](#). The focus of this forum was to promote NCA family engagement and volunteer opportunities. Additional topics included playground improvement project, safety, surveys, and more. Check out the presentation slides and video link to learn more about current needs and upcoming events. Contact Mr. Mattes with any questions.

Aftercare Supervisor Needed

Northdale Christian Academy is seeking to hire for the position of after school care supervisor. We are looking for someone who enjoys working with school aged children. The hours would be 3:00-6:00 PM, Monday-Friday. Compensation is based on qualifications and experience. Click here to access a [position description and application for employment](#). Printed copies are available in the office. Please contact Mr. Mattes directly if you are interested or have a referral.

Project/Event Survey

NCA is looking for leaders and helpers to get involved with various activities this school year. Please complete the [online project/event survey](#) to share your interests.

Scholarship Funds and Invoicing

NCA was informed over the weekend that student scholarship funds should start arriving in your account between August 25 and September 15. Please notify Mr. Mattes when your account is funded so that NCA can initiate the invoicing process for the quarterly payments. You can determine if the funds have been received through your EMA account. Thank you for your help as we learn this new process together.

Upcoming Events

<u>Aug 28-Sept 8</u>	Fall MAP Testing
<u>August 29</u>	Guitar Lessons
<u>August 30</u>	K-8 Chapel, 8:15 AM; 3/4K Chapel, 9:05 Piano Lessons
<u>August 31</u>	Piano Lessons Extracurricular Volunteer mtg, 3:30 PM (online and in-person)
<u>September 3</u>	Worship, 8:30 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class, 9:30 Worship, 10:30 AM (also online)
<u>September 4</u>	Labor Day, No School
<u>September 7</u>	Northdale Pioneers mtg, 6:00-7:30 PM
<u>September 10</u>	Grades K-8 Sing during 10:30 Worship
<u>September 12</u>	Picture Retake Day
<u>September 15</u>	Grades 3-8 Kickball Day
<u>Sept 18-22</u>	Parent/Teacher Conferences

Visit our website for a complete [online calendar](#).

Mission Offerings

Mission offerings to support the Apache Mission in AZ.

This week \$67.00

Total \$67.00

Thank you for your generous support of this year's mission project!



Northdale Pioneers

Northdale Pioneers 2023-2024 is ready to begin! It is for all students ages 3rd - 8th grade. The goal of our pioneer program is to raise up God's children to be active and future leaders of the church. The pioneer nights also focus on teaching them historical and modern life skills, and understanding God's creation and our role within it. Some of the highlights from last year were properly setting a dinner table, how to build a campfire, how to show respect for nation and flag, learning personal abilities, making Christmas trees and pinewood derby cars, and as always - Making Great Friends! Pioneers will be kicking off the year with their first meeting on Thursday Night, September 7 from 6:00-7:30 PM at Northdale Lutheran Church. Pioneers will then be held the 1st Thursday of every month at 6:00 PM from September through April. Future meeting dates are October 5, November 2, December 7, February 1, March 7, April 4. The camping trip will be January 12-14. We have a great bunch of leaders this year. If you have any questions you can always contact our Pioneer Director, Mrs. Angel Allan 813.850.3718 call/text. Please complete the [online form](#) to sign up for Northdale Pioneers.

Time of Grace Video Devotions (Fixed Link)

Time of Grace produces daily video devotions called Your Time of Grace. These are short videos meant to enhance your personal spiritual growth. You can view samples and subscribe to these devotions online by visiting <https://timeofgrace.org/>. There is also an app for Android and Apple users that can be downloaded for free by visiting your app store.

Daily Devotions

Is something troubling you? Are you overwhelmed? Stressed out? Take a time out and see what God's Word has to say about it. Did you know that you can get a daily dose of God's Word right on your computer or mobile device? WELS (our church body) offers a [daily devotion](#) delivered directly to your inbox. Each day's devotion includes the option to listen, which is a great tool for those of you commuting to work. You can subscribe online by clicking this [link](#).

Playground Improvement Project

During our August 23 parent forum, a playground improvement project was announced. Our Academy Ministry Board and Northdale Lutheran Church have approved an equipment upgrade for the large playground. Northdale Lutheran Church has already committed \$10,000 as seed money. The structure design, layout, and colors are still being finalized, but we know we need about \$50,000 for this project. We have a lot of funds to raise and are asking for your help to reach our goal. Families can make charitable donations directly to NCA by check (avoids processing fees) or through our online giving tool: <https://northdale.breezechms.com/give/online> When giving online, be sure to select the "Playground Equipment" fund.

We are also looking for help with grant writing as another source of funding. Grants are also available for a shade structure which is not currently part of the project budget. This would be a fantastic upgrade for our new equipment. Please contact Mr. Mattes if you are interested in helping or have any questions.

Grades K-8 Progress Testing

The first of our three rounds of progress testing (Measures of Academic Progress or MAP Tests) will be taking place this week through September 8. MAP is a nationally recognized, computer adaptive assessment tool which we use to monitor student learning and improve instruction for grades K-8. There are two to four hours of testing that will be spread out over the course of two weeks. We will plan to share the results of the testing with parents at our Parent-Teacher Conferences September 18-22.

TADS Educate

NCA makes use of TADS for managing applications, enrollment, billing, and general student information. NCA also makes use of TADS Educate, an additional feature to manage attendance, grades, progress reports, and report cards. Returning NCA families should already have access to TADS Educate from last year. New families should have received an August 16 automated email providing access information for TADS Educate. Please contact the office if you have any questions about accessing your online account. You can access the [TADS Educate login page here](#).



Classroom News August 28-September 1

Mrs. Mattes 3K & VPK

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[Amazon Wish List for 3K & VPK](#)

What We're Learning: We will be using Eric Carle books the next few weeks to learn about animals. This week we'll especially talk about chameleons. We'll work on recognizing letters of the alphabet, recognizing groups up to 5, and making our own chameleons.

Bible: 'Little Visits with Jesus' devotions

Reading Logs: I've heard from a lot of excited readers in our class already! Thank you for working on your child's reading logs with them! Please send them back to school when they're completed for a prize from the treasure box!

Extra clothes: Please see the note in your child's Monday folder regarding having extra clothes here at school. Thank you!

Health Forms: Reminder that birth certificates, health and immunization forms are due no later than **September 10.**

Homeroom App: Below is a link to join our private photo page so you can see what we're up to in preschool each week! <https://gethomeroom.com/i/8JRN9LKV>

Miss Hardman's 1st & 2nd Grade Homeroom

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Memory work: Isaiah 40:3 "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the the desert a highway for our God.'" due on Friday 9/8

Spelling 1: Unit 2 - short a spelling words - test on Friday 9/1

Spelling 2: Unit 3 - short i spelling words - test on Friday 9/1

Ask your child about: (these are great conversation starters!)

- The Florida state reptile (alligator), state marine mammal (manatee), state tree (sabal palm), state butterfly (zebra longwing), and state capital (Tallahassee).
- Simeon and Anna see Jesus at the temple when he was 8 days old.
- The wise men visit Jesus at his home in Bethlehem.
- A snail's home - art (these are displayed in the academy hallway - come on in and check them out)
- Book box time after lunch recess.

Mrs. Mosakowski's Kindergarten Homeroom

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[Amazon Wish List for Kindergarten](#)

Reading: This week we will meet Oswald. Oswald will introduce us to the letter O and it's sound /o/. This week your child will learn how to write the letter Oo and practice identifying words with the initial /o/ sound.

Reading Logs: I can't believe it's the last week of August! If your child has completed their reading log you can return it this week for a prize from our prize box.

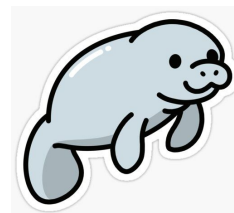
Writing: This week your child will draw a picture showing the class something they like to do. Before we share our drawings with one another; we will discuss how to speak to an audience and how to listen.

Math: This week we will continue to practice counting and writing numbers to five.

Science: Last week we concluded our Social Studies Unit on Citizenship. This week we will begin our first Science Unit. Your child will be able to identify where food comes from and distinguish between healthy and unhealthy eating habits.

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[Amazon Wish List for 1st & 2nd](#)



Classroom News (Continued)

Mr. Haring's 3rd & 4th Grade Homeroom

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[Amazon Wish List for 3rd & 4th](#)

Word of God (Roemhildt): *The Escape to Egypt & The Twelve Year Old Jesus*

Memory Work: Psalm 91:11, Ephesians 6:1 (Sept. 1)

Spelling: A week off from spelling to allow time for our MAP testing.

Literature: The class will begin its first novel: Third Grade Angels by Jerry Spinelli

3 Math: Chapter 1: Numbers to 10,000

4 Math: Chapter 1: Working with Whole Numbers

Any math homework in Monday folders may be corrected and returned if you wish for child to do so.

Science: Earth's Layers

Social Studies: Continents and oceans quiz on Wednesday

Tech: (Roemhildt) Our technology AUP was sent home and need to be signed by both the students and a parent.

Reading Goals: As a class, the goal will be a total of 880 books. I will be keeping track as a way to encourage reading throughout the school year.

29/880 read this year.

Mrs. Guse's 5th & 6th Grade Homeroom

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[Amazon Wish List for 5th & 6th](#)

Word of God: *The Wise Men; The Escape to Egypt*

MW: Psalm 103:1,2 (Tue); Isaiah 43:11(Th);

Second Commandment (Fri)

Literature (Schroeder): Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

English: Week 2

Spelling: Unit 3- Pretest (Mon); Final Test (Fri)

Math 5: Chapter 1- Whole Numbers and Four Operations

Math C1: Chapter 1- Whole Numbers, Prime Numbers, and Prime Factorization- Chapter 1 Test (Wed)

Science: Weather and Climate

Social Studies: Europe in the Middle Ages

Tech & Music (Roemhildt): Our technology AUP was sent home and need to be signed by both the students and a parent.

7th & 8th Grade **Mr. Roemhildt** daniel.roemhildt@northdalelutheran.org **Cell: 507-469-3063**

[Amazon Wish List for 7th & 8th](#) - Some science materials have been added this week.

We will be MAPS testing this week. Make sure students are well rested in preparation for these tests!

Spelling: Unit 3 **English:** DGP Week 2 **Literature:** The Giver Chapters 1-2

Math: Course 2 will be adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing integers. Course 3 will be concluding a discussion on significant digits and look to have a test this week or the next. Algebra 1 is reviewing for a test on real numbers and real-world quantities. Our next topic will be linear equations and inequalities.

Word of God: What Is Truth?

Social Studies: The Spanish-American War and The Boxer Rebellion

Science: Ask your child about their first science quiz and the venus fly trap we are attempting to grow. This week we will practice using microscopes to examine various living and non-living things.

Tech & Music: This week in music we will begin Hymn 867 for singing in church on September 10th. We will have a quiz on Balkans European Countries for current events and looking at the Tech AUP.

