

Faith Lutheran School

# LION'S ROAR

## Combined Classes **A+** at Faith

Looking ahead, the 2011-2012 school year finds us stepping into familiar places, such as, teaching combined grades. What will our classrooms look like this school year? Let's talk.

Research shows that students do as well in combined grades as in single grades. Academic and social needs of students are addressed using a variety of instructional strategies, such as, planning across the curriculum and subject integration. In any combined classroom you will observe "Best Practices," where students are engaged in the learning process. Achievement and success are experienced by students, when the classroom environment allows for multiple learning levels. Students can be grouped in configurations that foster their specific educational needs. An older student may work solo on a grammar practice

page, partner with a younger student on a science project, or peer teach a math concept in a small group. The learning opportunities for the older and younger student are invaluable and far reaching into their future with gains in self-motivation, decision making, team work, problem-solving, and leadership skills. Participating in a safe, learning community, with students of different ages and learning levels, strengthens their social skills, and promotes independence, and responsibility. So students in our classrooms will be busy learning, discovering, and mentor modeling. They will honor, respect, and encourage each other in the classroom; and model Christian character to one another. Our classrooms will look lively with the discovery of how God's character is molded in our hearts and expressed in our daily lives.



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In Proverbs 4:13 it says, *Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life.*

See you in combined class.

**Go to [www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/combinedClassrooms/combinedClassrooms.pdf](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/combinedClassrooms/combinedClassrooms.pdf)**

**for information on Combined Classrooms and ways you can help your student.**

## JOIN US FOR VBS

We are wild for Jesus! Kids won't want to miss a minute of this Big Jungle Adventure VBS. Children will learn important lessons about Jesus' amazing love for them through interactive and engaging activities each day. Come join us July 11th—15th from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. if you are entering Kindergarten through 5th grade. Stop by to fill out the registration form. The cost is only \$10 per child. If you have questions, please call 281-242-7729.



## Christian Symbols - Seeds

The Bible often uses seeds as symbols of faith or God's Word. In the Old Testament, seeds also refer to offspring. Jesus said people who believe in him can perform mighty deeds with "faith the size of a mustard seed" (Luke 17:6, NRSV). Many of Jesus' teachings use seed imagery; for example, in the parable of the four soils, he said the seed, God's Word, can grow only when people hear it, "Hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance" (Luke 8:15, NRSV).



## Bible Quiz

Many people travel for leisure during the summer. In Bible days, travel was most often done out of necessity. Scripture records many notable journeys.

Match the people in the left-hand column with their correct travels in the right-hand column.

- A. Abraham and Sarah
- B. B. Mary, Jesus' mother
- C. Joseph, Mary and Jesus
- D. Apostle Paul



- 1. Traveled to visit cousin Elizabeth
- 2. Traveled from Haran to the land of Canaan
- 3. Took missionary journeys to Turkey
- 4. Traveled to Egypt to flee from King Herod

Answers: A, 2; B, 1; C, 4; D, 3

## PATRIOTIC PARFAIT

On the 4th of July, make this healthy, festive dessert to share with family and friends.

### What you need:

- Clear glasses or plastic cups
- Spoons
- Vanilla yogurt
- Cut strawberries
- Fresh blueberries
- Coconut
- Whipped Cream
- Red and blue sprinkles (optional)



*Fresh Berries*

### What you do:

1. Place a couple of spoonfuls of vanilla yogurt at the bottom of each glass or cup.
2. Add cut strawberries to cover the yogurt layer.
3. Add more yogurt over the strawberries.
4. Add a layer of blueberries.
5. Repeat the layers until you reach the top of the glass or cup.
6. For extra fun, add coconut, whipped cream and sprinkles. Enjoy!

