



ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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From the Headmaster

Multi-Grade Classrooms: A Benefit to Students

This year we have two classrooms with three grade levels each and two classroom with two grade levels each:

PK3 - PK4: Mrs. Provolt
K - 1st: Mrs. Rippy
2nd - 4th: Mrs. Wollman
5th - 7th: Mrs. Allwardt

This model of schooling is not a worse way of educating students. Multi-grade classrooms have many benefits for your children:

1. **Real-Life Social Interaction:** Multi-grade classrooms reflect life outside of school because life outside of school is not spent primarily with friends and family of your exact age. Parents and siblings are different ages from one another. Church is full of different generations. Workplaces contain people of all different ages. Learning to interact with those older and younger than you is part of life, and multigrade classrooms encourage these interactions.
2. **Early Learning for the Younger Students:** Repetition is the Mother of all learning. When a 2nd grade student over-hears what the fourth graders are learning in class, he is already preparing himself to excel as a fourth grader years beforehand. This helps establish a culture of growth from the younger students.
3. **Mentorship of the Older Students:** Life is not about you. But often school teaches us that it is. A multigrade classroom creates an environment where the older kids in the class learn to help the younger kids. This helps them be better siblings, and ultimately better parents for when they have kids. I have especially seen this at Zion Lutheran School, where it is expected that the older kids will help the younger ones!
4. **Consistency:** Last year the 3rd graders returned to Mrs. Wollman's classroom for 4th grade. They knew what to expect and how to act as 4th graders because they saw the 4th graders last year and have the same teacher. This helped produce much needed discipline and consistency in the classroom.

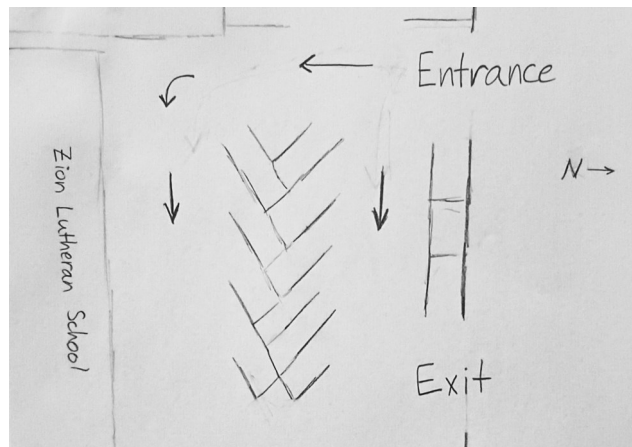
Multigrade classrooms have wonderful benefits! If you have any questions or concerns about the multi-grade method, please don't hesitate to reach out. We can chat about it, and if you are interested, parents are welcome to sit in on a class to watch and understand how this works! Let me know!

Sincerely,

Josh Swigart
School Headmaster and Vicar

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ♦ **We are looking forward to next year already!** It has been a wonderful school year thus far and most families intend to return and we already expect to add several new families next year!
- ♦ **2024-25 Enrollment** is now open! The registration fee is the same as this year and there is a 5.6% increase to general tuition. Remember to apply for Tuition Assistance. For those who enroll by April 15, there is a \$50 registration discount per student. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out with questions about tuition, financial aid, and the re-enrollment process. The link to apply through Facts is [here](#).
- ♦ **ZLS Open House** is February 29th. It will be conference style this year. The Headmaster and Teachers have prepared presentation about different aspects of Classical Education. Childcare is provided. Please RSVP [here](#).
- ♦ **Volunteer Needs.** If you are available to help clean certain areas of the school before Open House, please reach out to the school office.
- ♦ **Parking Lot:** We have had some confusion about the flow of traffic with our parking lot. To clear that up here is a diagram showing the direction on which to travel.



REMINDERS:

- ♦ Parents for any questions/concerns please refer to guidelines in the [Parent/Student handbook](#)
- ♦ If you still want to fill out the survey we would very much appreciate your feed back, the link is [here](#)
- ♦ PTF Meetings have now moved from Thursdays to Wednesdays at 3:00 pm
- The Spirit Store at zlsnampa.org. Hover over the "Parents" drop down and select "Spirit Store". Click "Shop Now" to enter the store!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

19th NO SCHOOL President's Day

28th Foundations in Genesis Idaho

29th ZLS Open House 6-7 pm

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 19 NO SCHOOL President's Day | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 FIGI @ 8:30 am | 29 ZLS Open House 6-7 pm | |

MARCH

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 4 | 5 | 6 PTF Mtg. @ TBD | 7 | 8 Group Pic- ture Day @ 9:45 am |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 End of Litera- cy Program/ End of 3rd Qtr. | 15 NO SCHOOL Teacher In- Service |
| 18 Parent Teacher Conferences | 19 Parent Teacher Conferences | 20 Parent Teacher Conferences | 21 Parent Teacher Conferences | 22 NO SCHOOL |
| 25 NO SCHOOL Spring Break | 26 NO SCHOOL Spring Break | 27 NO SCHOOL Spring Break | 28 NO SCHOOL Spring Break | 29 NO SCHOOL Spring Break |

6th PTF Mtg. @TBD

8th Group Picture Day @ 9:45 am

14th End of Literacy Program Party 6-7 pm

End of 3rd Qtr.

15th NO SCHOOL Teacher In-service

18th-21st Parent Teacher Conferences

22nd NO SCHOOL

25th-29th NO SCHOOL Spring Break

Volunteer Recognition



Mrs. Karolyn McCreary

Mrs. McCreary does so much for our school. Not only is she the director of our after school care but she also volunteers to read to students as well as a lunch/recess aid. We want to thank you for all that you do for our school. You bring so much joy and enrichment to our students and staff!



Zion Lutheran School Open House PK-8th Grade

Prospective Families and Current
Families transitioning to new teachers,

Please join us

Thursday, February 29th

from 6-7 pm

- * ***Hear about the mission of Zion Lutheran School***
- * ***Meet our teachers***

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Referral Form

You give us the ultimate compliment when you refer a new student to Zion Lutheran School!

Here is our way of saying THANK YOU!

A one-time referral fee will be paid for any student you refer!

Pre-School or Kindergarten (Part-time) \$500.00 per student

Pre-School or Kindergarten (Full-time) \$1,000.00 per student

Elementary Grades \$1,000.00 per student

Fine Print: You may not refer yourself. The new student must enroll and attend Zion Lutheran School for at least three (3) full months. Their registration, tuition and all applicable fees must be current. The referral payment will be credited to your account or given to you as a check if your account is paid in full. There is no limit to the number of students that you can refer. Referral payments can be split if more than one person is listed as the referral for the same student.



I HAVE BEEN REFERRED!

We welcome all families to Zion Lutheran School! Please call the office at 208-466-9141 to schedule a tour of the school and to meet our staff and teachers. You can also visit our website at zlsnampa.org to learn more about our school and download enrollment forms.

Please bring this form with you or include it with your enrollment application. Thank you!

| Referred Family | Referring Family |
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| Parent(s) Name: | Parent(s) Name: |
| Address: | Address: |
| Phone: | Phone: |
| Student(s) Name: | |
| Grade(s) Enrolling: | |



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