

Monday, January 24, 2022

## Mini Class Day—January 28th

We have a fun day planned for the kids including karate, woodworking, hedgehog care, The Works Museum, Spanish, snowshoeing, and an escape room. For the safety of our kids, we have asked all incoming presenters to wear masks. With an outdoor activity, please send appropriate clothing. Their regular boots will work with the snowshoes. If anyone has their own snowshoes they want to bring, please let Krista Gurgel know this week ([kristagurgel@yahoo.com](mailto:kristagurgel@yahoo.com)).



**PIZZA!**

Lunch will be provided that day: Pizza, fruit, and juice boxes. Looking forward to a fun mini class day!

There will be a waiver form for karate sent home sometime this week. Please sign and send it back to school with your child before Friday.

## Play

The play for this year's Play Night (February 25) has been introduced to the students. Look for information coming out in the coming weeks regarding parts, costumes, and props.

## Standardized Testing

Standardized testing will take place next week, Tuesday—Thursday, Feb. 1-3 during the morning hours. The Iowa Test of Basic Skills is the standardized testing materials that we use here at Berea. Only students in grades 1-8 are tested.

Berea administers standardized testing for several reasons:

- To give teachers information that they can use to meet individual student's learning needs. The tests can help identify a student's strongest areas and the areas in which greatest improvement is needed.
- To assist teachers in gauging student's learning from one year to the next in the basic subject areas to make sure student growth is consistent.
- To show how students are performing compared to the performance of other students in the same grade throughout the nation.
- To help evaluate how our curriculum is developing the basic skills in our students.

It is very important that the students try their best for the tests. It is also very important that they get plenty of rest on the test days and have a good, nutritious breakfast each morning. A snack each morning next week would be especially helpful. If you have any questions regarding the testing, please contact Mrs. Rehm, Mrs. Augustin, or Mr. Thurow.



### What's coming up:

**Friday, Jan 28**

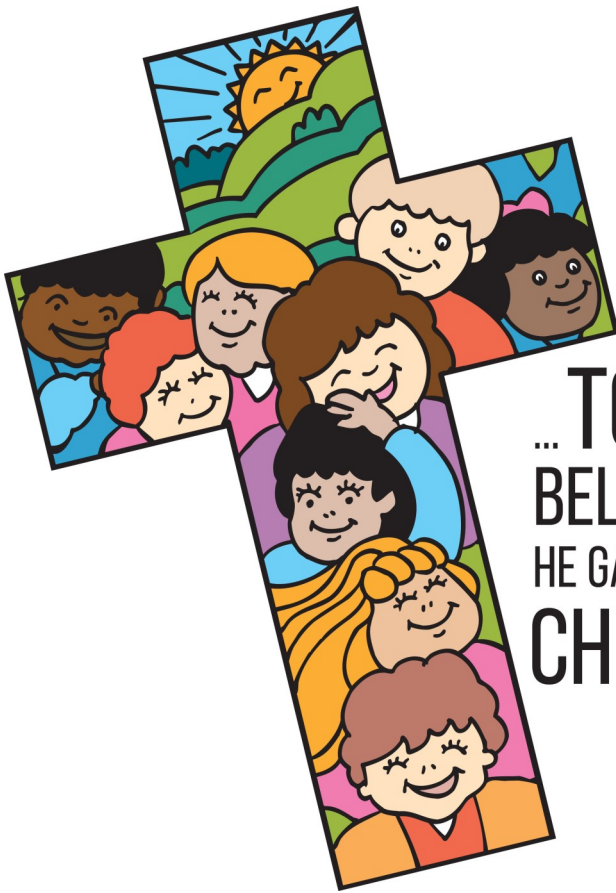
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**Gr 5-8 Book Review Due**

**Tues-Thurs, Feb 1-3**

**Standardized Testing**



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BELIEVED IN HIS NAME,  
HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME  
CHILDREN OF GOD.**

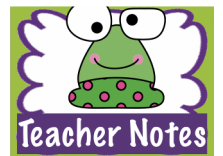
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Notes from **Mrs. Augustin** (Grades 1-8):

- 3rd Grade Science bird pages will be due **Thursday**.
- All Lower graders will be having their **Spelling Tests** on Thursday this week due to Mini Class Day on Friday.
- Recordings of the musical selections for our play "**Character Matters**" are posted on the students' Music class page on Teams. Students are encouraged to listen and sing along using the words on their scripts.

Notes from **Mrs. Rehm** (Grades 1-4):

- Tests this week: Tuesday: Math 3, Ch. 9-11 (Test will be reduced to one page per chapter.)  
Thursday: Reading 1, Theme 4  
Thursday: English 1-4, Ch. 5
- Memory Work will be recited as scheduled on Tuesday.



Notes from **Mr. Thurow** (Grades 5-8):

- Tests this week: Thursday—English 7&8 (Ch. 14), Math Course 1 (chapter 6), Science 5&6 (chapter 9 "Sound")
- Third book review due Monday. Some students still have not approved a book.