



## Fall Break – NO SCHOOL

WE MADE IT! It's time for Fall Break – Oct. 7-11. We hope you all enjoy the beautiful fall weather and some time together. School will resume on **Monday, October 14.**



## End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

Friday, October 25 is the last day of the first quarter. P/T/S Conferences will be on Nov. 7-8. You will need to sign up for your conference after Fall Break.

## Life Skills Friday (K-8)

Our first Life Skills class for this year will be on **Friday, Oct. 25.** At this point our Life Skills class will be offered once a month. This month's theme is **Fire Preparedness.** Our goal is to offer more Life Skills classes in the near future.

## Get to Know our Teachers

**When and why did you first decide to become a teacher?**

### Teacher Rachel (K-2)

I was six years old when I decided to become a teacher. My 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher was well past retirement age and she was mean and grumpy. I wanted to become a teacher so other children would not have her as their teacher.

### Mrs. Filippis (3-5)

After spending over a year as an occupational therapy/pre-med major, I switched to teaching. At that time, I was teaching swimming to infants-adults. I literally fell in love with teaching!

### Mrs. Severs (6-8)

I was a senior in high school and had to do career research but had no idea what to do except maybe working with electron microscopes somehow. My career analysis came back saying that I would be happiest being a male librarian, a male minister or a male musician. Um...I hadn't even checked the wrong gender box! A man I respected a lot one day blurted out to me that I would be a wonderful teacher. I desperately grabbed onto that and decided to shadow a teacher for my senior project. I observed in a classroom for the severely emotionally disturbed. A little boy spent most of the day sitting in my lap snuggling. At the end of the day, his teacher told me that he had spent the rest of the

## Calendar Highlights:

- 7-11 Fall Break; Monday-Friday  
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- 14 School Resumes; Monday
- 17-18 Grades 6-8 Bake Sale
- 23 Grade 3-8 Field Trip  
Empire Mine State Park &  
Northstar Museum; Wed.
- 25 Life Skills Friday (K-8)
- 31-1 Grades 6-8 Bake Sale

## October Birthdays

Evie Collings 10/12  
Jack Hodgson 10/12  
Ellie Hodgson 10/15  
Ivy Beams - 10/17  
Jake Brown 10/18  
Arlee Thompson 10/20  
Johanna Sanchez 10/22





## **Cont. Mrs. Severs**

year hiding under a table. I took that as a sign from God to become a teacher. I still believe that connecting with children is my greatest classroom strength.

## **Teacher Hafdis (Music)**

I believe I was in my early teens when I found myself teaching some girlfriends from the neighborhood how to play songs on the piano. I don't know when I first decided that this should be my occupation, but another profession never entered my mind. I started teaching piano to children as part of my music education in college and have enjoyed doing so ever since. I thrive on seeing my students progress and grow in ability, confidence and self-worth. I believe that practicing an instrument teaches a child self-discipline and delayed gratification. The reward is satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment. I get to be a part of this and that's why I love teaching music. Music also gives us an avenue to praise God and ultimately that is my goal for every student.