**Summer Sleuthing 2016**

**Come and Investigate the Bible with Us!**

Gateway Parents:

This summer our Gateway students will be embarking upon an exciting journey to dig deeper into their Bibles and have meaningful discussions about who Jesus is and how much He loves them! Our Gateway program is going to look a little different over the summer, but I’m excited about what that means for our students and families.

Our K-5th graders will be starting each Sunday morning in service in the sanctuary for worship then will be dismissed to head downstairs for our Bible study time! Students will be divided into two groups: K-2nd and 3rd-5th grades. The K-2nd graders will be using *The Jesus Storybook Bible* Curriculum each Sunday to get more familiar with the New Testament and see how each story in the Bible points to Jesus. They will have crafts and games incorporated in this time, along with snack and discussion time with their teacher. The 3rd-5th graders will be using a book called *How to Study your Bible for Kids* with their teachers. This will draw them deeper into the "how" of reading and studying. This curriculum will challenge students with a bit more of an academic feel, but it will teach them valuable lessons about understanding God's word and applying it to their lives. Students will all have the same memory verse that we will practice for 3-4 weeks at a time, so be sure to ask them about it!

Please let me know if you have any questions about where we are heading the next ten weeks!

**Lending Library**

I’m also excited to announce that our Gateway area will now have its very own lending library for the students in our Children’s Program! Find our shelf on the Gateway game cart, and sign out a book to take home! Please let me know if there are any titles your children have enjoyed, I’m looking for Christian literature that isn’t as mainstream, but is exciting and engaging for students.

It’s an honor to serve the families of Riversgate. Have a wonderful week and be blessed!

- Teacher Missy