



What is happening in the Classroom....

I hope that everyone had a great weekend. While I love this time of year, it is so busy, and I seem to run more than enjoy the time. I look forward to break to be able to do that! **I will not be writing a newsletter next week as it is a short week!**

**I would like to take this chance to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas!
Enjoy the time with family and friends!**

Progress reports were released on Friday, December 8th. I hope that you looked at them to see where improvements need to be made or where we need to keep the same momentum moving forward. If there are any grades that are zeros, please complete the assignment and turn them in to me.

On Thursday, December 21st we will be partaking in a dress down day. The students are to wear appropriate jeans (no leggings or athletic pants) and red and green. The cost will be \$1.

Thank you to those parents who "Decked the Halls" here at school! The school looks wonderful, and the kids love it! Thank you again.

Christmas Shoppe is this Friday. Please be sure to send in money for the kids to purchase gifts. We will be headed over around 11 AM.

Thank you to our altar servers, Ethan, James and Joshua, reader, Ava, and our chorus members for participating in this week's mass. It is great to see our kids celebrating in the Mass.

Mark your calendars for our annual Kindergarten through eighth grade Christmas program on December 20th at 6 PM. I am looking forward to hearing all of our students sing about Christmas. Extended Day ends at 5 PM on Wednesday, December 20th.

Our Christmas Party will take place on Thursday December 21st at 10:30 AM. Ava's mom has all of the details for the party! She will be in contact soon.

Please remember to dress for the weather. It looks like winter and the chill will be here for a while! Also, please label all of your child's winter gear. I do not know whose is whose, and sometimes even your child doesn't know!

I have finished out Circle of Grace lessons. The kids did well, and they do understand how to be safe on the internet and how to address as they like to call it "stranger danger" online.

MAP testing will take place in the first few weeks of January. I will let you know when we, 4th and 5th grade, are going to test the kids.

Students are able to earn some extra credit over the break. This extra credit will be put towards their lowest grade in my classes. They are to write 3 sentences about what they are doing from December 22nd-January 3rd. I always look forward to reading what happened over break! These may be type written also, if they want.



Onto Business....

Religion: Our lessons this week will revolve around Advent and what the season is about. We will have a penance service on Wednesday for all of our students. We will also talk about the waiting and anticipation of the birth of Jesus.

Math: We will continue with our study of subtraction this week. We start with subtraction and regrouping once, and then move on to regrouping twice. We will have our final 5 minute timed test on Friday. This will count as a grade. We will have one more check in on Tuesday or Wednesday. When we return from break we will start at 4.5 minutes until we begin multiplication.

Science: Our test covering vertebrates is on Wednesday. The study guide will go home on Monday. After the test we will have a fun activity on vertebrates to complete and we will present them to the class.

Reading: As much as I would like to finish reading our newest novel Dear Mr. Henshaw, I do not believe I can get that done. I will try hard to accomplish this though! This week we will read about a new friend that Leigh makes and how he plans to use the \$20 that his father sent him to make an alarm for his lunch. Please look for something coming the mail during break from me that pertains to the novel we are reading.

Social Studies: We began lesson 2 last week learning about important resources of the Northeast such as New York grapes/vineyards, cranberries/bogs, Vermont maple syrup, and granite quarries in New Hampshire. This week we will begin lesson 3 and learn about resources and challenges to the Chesapeake Bay and other Northeast region bay areas.

Language: We will finish up our study in Unit 7 in vocabulary and spelling this week. Both tests will be tomorrow, Tuesday, December 12th. In addition to vocabulary and spelling, we will continue in ELA Chapter 2 and explore nouns ending with y, plural nouns with special plural forms, and common and proper nouns. I wish all of you and your families a Blessed and Happy Holiday Season! ~ Mrs. Russo



Our Calendar....

December 11th: Mass 9 AM, St. Brigid

December 15th: Pizza Friday, Christmas Shoppe, PTG Christmas movie

December 17th: Band plays at Raymour and Flanigan.

December 18th: Mass at St. Brigid 9 AM

December 20th EXTENDED DAY ends at 5 PM

December 20th: Christmas Program 6 PM

December 21st: Winter Begins, Noon Dismissal, Christmas party in the classroom

December 25th: Merry Christmas!

January 1st: Happy New Year!

January 3rd: Return to school

January 8th: Mass 9 AM, Assumption Church

Have a wonderful and blessed Christmas and have a Happy New Year!

Mrs. Olson

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5th Grade Math: Our study of multiplication will come to an end next week. At this point we are building on what we know and multiplying money, zeros in the multiplier and we will end our week with story problems. Our test will take place on Tuesday, December 19th. We continue to take our 4.5 minute multiplication check-ins.

5th Grade Science: Our test will be this Wednesday. The study guide was sent home on Thursday. This is a tougher test, so please take the time to review. We will have just a few lessons before we break for Christmas. We will cover classifying matter as a pure substance or mixture, identifying mixtures as homogenous or heterogenous and classifying mixtures as solutions, colloids, or suspensions.

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