

Mrs. Schwamborn's Third Grade News

It's beginning to look a lot like... 🌲 Week of
December 4th

'Tis the Season 🛎

Hark! the classroom angels sing
Vacation's coming; it's a thing.
Parties everywhere, the kids are wild
I can't wait till the month is filed.



Classroom Happenings

The week back from Thanksgiving was very exciting! The Grinch paid a visit to the school and added some much needed Christmas flair to the building. The Third Grade classroom has been decorated with lots of Grinch themed decorations complete with a Grinch blowup and their very own Christmas tree! As if all of that wasn't enough, we even received a special visitor to help us behave and be kind - our very own Christmas elf!

This week kicks off the Advent Season. The class will spend their Religion period learning about Advent and what the first week means. We will be completing various Advent projects and activities throughout the season. Advent is an important time for Catholics as we ready our heart for the arrival of our Savior Jesus Christ.

We have finished our unit on division and will have our unit test on Tuesday. Students should still be practicing their facts every night. They should be becoming fluent and automatic. Our next topic will be looking at patterns in multiplication and division. This is a very quick topic and should only take about a week before moving into Area. The class will be working on their first BIG project based learning activity. They have been tasked with opening a Toy Store of their own. This project incorporates critical reasoning skills, ELA and writing as well as basic math concepts. They will work on this every Friday for the next several weeks.

In Science, we have begun learning all about weather. Despite the cold, the class had a fun time on their weather walk and making some weather observation. This week we will continue with our second lesson which is all about the atmosphere. During Social Studies, we will be taking a closer look at the Native Americans of the Eastern Woodlands.

The class is on Lesson 9 in Journeys. The story they are reading is the Kamishibai Man. This is a realistic fiction story which will help students focus on cause and effect. Our spelling words all have the ou/ow diphthong. We will also continue reading Charlie and Chocolate factory and be working on various Christmas themed writing projects.



Concert Time

It's almost time! Wednesday, December 6th will be our Christmas Concert and nativity performance. All grades have been working very hard preparing a very special performance for all of you to enjoy. Show time is 6:00 sharp! Please be sure your child is dressed in their FINEST holiday apparel.



Conferences/Report Cards

Thursday, December 14th is Parent/Teacher Conferences. There will be an early dismissal at 11:00 that day. No after school clubs.

A sign up sheet was sent home on Thursday, If the in person day and times do not work for your schedule, please email me and I will be more than happy to schedule a phone conference. **Report cards will be available on PowerSchool on Friday, December 8th.**



Advent

Hope is a central theme to the season of Advent and apparent throughout the next four weeks. It is a foundation for our belief that Jesus is coming into our hearts and the world. This first week prepares us to be people if hope and believe that darkness will not prevail, and the light of the world will overcome it. Perhaps inspired by the view that "faith is the assurance of things hoped for," we contemplate both hope and faith as we spiritually prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas ... Think of it as a hope-faith continuum.



Please bring your children mass, It is vital to their preparation for Communion that they attend mass regularly and even more importantly that they continue to attend to grow in their faith and

spirituality.



Kindness

Please take some time to speak with your children about the importance of treating others the way they want to be treated. The class seems to be having an issue getting along. Many of them seem to enjoy pushing the buttons of others. I have spoken with the class that when a child asks another to please stop doing something then they should stop. I should not have to get involved in order to change the behavior. There is also an issue with some disrespect towards myself and other teachers. This behavior is unacceptable and must stop. I will be sending emails home and making phone calls if this type of behavior continues.



Dates to Remember

Wednesday, December 6th - Christmas Concert

Thursday, December 14th - Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, December 22nd - Early Dismissal - Christmas Break begins!



Thank You

Thank you to all of our families for their continued support! Our first annual winter clothing drive was a HUGE success! We collected more than expected and the charity was over the moon thrilled with all we had to give.

I would also like the parents involved with our annual holiday auction. The event was **AMAZING!** Everyone had so much fun and I **LOVED** seeing everyone there. Thank you for all you do and your continued support of our school community.



Extra Help

Extra Help is on Mondays, 2:30 to 3:00. Be sure to update PUP if your child is staying. **Please be advised that there is no extra help on December 18th.**





Valerie Schwamborn

Valerie is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters