

First Grade News December 2nd, 2016

Classroom News:

- Sock Project - For over 20 years Cathedral School has provided gifts in the form of "stuffed" socks for the guests at Potluck in the Park's Christmas dinner. Each Sunday throughout the year Potluck in the Park provides a hot meal for the hungry in O'Bryant Square. At Christmas they move dinner inside and serve a big dinner with all the trimmings at the Portland Art Museum.

First grade is responsible for contributing 3-4 boxes of granola bars per family. Collection bins will be in the front of our classroom. Please deliver your supplies to school by Friday, December 9th.

*Cash donations to purchase supplies will also be accepted

- Kinderkonzert - We will be attending a Kinderkonzert next Monday. We will be hearing and learning about the strings section of the orchestra. Please send your child with a car seat on Monday. The car assignments will be posted in the courtyard. Please drop your child's seat next to their name. It is helpful if the car seat is labeled with a name.

- Christmas Program - We will begin practicing for the Christmas program on Friday. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00.

- Star of the Week Schedule:

- o 12/5-9: Jenna
- o 1/9-13: Isabella
- o 1/22-27: Lily
- o 2/6-10: Magnus
- o 2/13-17: Apolina
- o 2/27-3/3: Colton

Curriculum Focus for Next Week:

Religion: We continue with our social skills curriculum lessons and focus on empathy training and problem solving strategies. We will also be learning about Advent and how to get our hearts ready for Jesus.

Reading: Our reading comprehension focus will be on making connections to texts. We will learn that our personal experiences are important to understanding what we read and learn.

Writing: The first grade students are working hard planning and drafting their informational specialist topic books. Each of our student experts has chosen a topic that they are passionate about and will write a "teaching book" about their topic. Stay tuned for these projects to be published and ready for your viewing pleasure.

Spelling: We will be learning about words spelled with silent e. We will learn about long vowel sounds usually being spelled with 2 vowels.

Math: We will begin studying money. We will focus on identifying coins, describing the relationship among them and counting mixed coins.

Science: This month is deSTEMber! We will be focusing on Christmas themed science, technology, engineering and math. First graders will design and create a Christmas toy for Santa's delivery, use the binary system to code a secret message, participate in the hour of code and create a Christmas story on ScratchJr.

School News:

Girl Scouts - Cathedral's Girl Scout Troop 40900 is starting up again for the year. If your daughter (K-8) is interested in joining this year, please contact Ellen Langer (larger.ellenm@gmail.com) for more information.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, December 4th - Family Mass by Kindergarten & grade 8 @9:00

Monday, December 5th- Oregon Symphony Kinderkonzert @9:30

Thursday, December 8th- Walking field trip to SCRAP @9:45

Friday, December 9th- PBS Assembly, Student of the Month & Report cards go home

Wednesday, December 14th- Christmas Program @7:00pm

Friday, December 16th- Christmas Carols, parties, token goal free dress & 11:30 Dismissal