

Classroom News

Our classroom Christmas party will be on Friday, December 16th. If you are available and would like to help organize the party, please sign up on Volgistics! We are still in need of several parents to join the fun. ☺

Sock Project: Please keep the travel sized bar soaps coming! We are stuffing socks on December 15th. Please deliver your supplies to school by **Friday, December 9th**. We are hoping for 18-20 per family!

Christmas Tradition Project: The students are doing a great job and making good progress on their tradition papers! The rough draft will likely be sent home next week to be typed at home. If we have time in class, students may be able to start the typed, final draft. Presentations will be Wednesday, December 14th. Your child will need to prepare for this oral presentation at home. If your child would like to bring in a food item, please make sure there is enough for all students to try a piece. Let me know if you have questions!

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Math

- Multiplying 3 and 4 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers
- Multiplying by 1 digit numbers
- Problem Solving
- Topic 6 review

Reading

- Reader's Workshop
- Small groups: novel studies

Writing

- Christmas Tradition Project
 - o Complete rough draft writing
 - o Edit and revise writing
- Spelling: a contraction is a combination of two or more words, frequent spelling patterns for words with soft syllable endings spelled *er*, *or* and *ar*, and suffixes
- Grammar: past-tense and future-tense verbs

Science

- How are plants and animals classified?
- How do plants reproduce?
- How do plants make food?
- Lab: Classifying animals
- Chapter 3 review

Religion

- Advent

- Epiphany
- How is the Son of God's coming to Earth a gift?
- Christmas

School News

Christmas Program: This year's program will take place Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00pm in St. Mary's Cathedral. This year's theme will be "Tis a Gift." Children should wear Christmas attire that is church appropriate.

Bucks for Belts

Friday, December 9th, we will be doing a new twist on Dollars for Denim day. For a \$1 donation students may wear their uniform shorts or pants with no belt for the day. Student Council will donate all proceeds to our sister school, St. Vincent De Paul School in Salem.

Art Help: Ms. White has suffered an arm injury and will need help in art class! Please sign up on Volgistics if you'd like to come in and help set up, handle supplies, and clean-up. 4th grade has art on Tuesdays at 10:15-11:15am, but you're welcome to join other classes as well!

Extended Care Dates to Remember:

- Friday, December 16th: Morning Care will be open as usual, but there will be no after school Extended Care.

Upcoming Events:

- Thursday, December 8th – Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass
- Friday, December 9th – Report cards go home
- Friday, December 9th – Bucks for belts
- Wednesday, December 14th – Christmas program
- Monday, December 19 – Monday, January 2nd – No school, Christmas Break