



What is happening in the Classroom....

I hope that everyone had a restful and relaxing holiday weekend! While we did not have any family with us, it was a nice quiet holiday with a lot of relaxing and lots of getting Christmas set up in the house. Michael did well in his State Competition on the 18th. He placed 23rd out of 177 with a time of 17:43. This was quite a tough run since a lot of it was in the snow, which is something that he has never run in! Now to start checking off that Christmas list!!!!

The season of Advent will begin next weekend. I hope that each family has an advent wreath set up in their house and are preparing for the coming of the baby Jesus in less than a month. We will set aside time each Monday to say a prayer and light a candle on our wreath,

It was great to meet each of the parents this past week. Our conferences went well. Please, always, check your child's grades on Edge2day.com. It is very important to see which grades are low and need a bit more TLC and to see if your child has any missing homework from being sick or just not turning it in!

I want to offer my sincerest thank you to you and your children! I cannot believe, although I should know better, that they brought in 636 pieces of non-perishable food for St. Vincent de Paul's pantry. I was blown away by your generosity! Something special is in the works for the kids for their tremendous effort! Congrats to Declan, as he won the prize for our classroom bringing in the most food!

Picture retakes will be on Thursday, December 6th. Be sure to send back your pictures!

We would like to invite you to our Holiday Drama presentation on Thursday, November 29th in the church at 1:30. The play will certainly put us all in the holiday spirit!

I would like to remind you that the Millbury Chain of Lights is this Sunday, December 2nd. We are in need of volunteers and donations. Please contact the office for more information.

These next few weeks are filled with many different activities. Please be sure to take a look at the school calendar so you do not miss out on any of the fun activities Assumption school will be hosting.

Keep sending in those Boxtops... We were pretty close to being in the top 3 this last time!



Onto Business....

Religion: This week we will review Chapter 5 as we did not finish in enough time to test before Thanksgiving. We will have an open book test on Friday.

Math: This week we will take a day or two to review our addition lessons and then head right into subtraction with regrouping. Even in fourth grade we can still struggle with this concept. Please remember to help your child when needed and always look over their homework and have them make corrections right away. This practice helps the kids look for errors themselves. We will also have a 4.5-minute addition quiz this week.

Science: Classifying vertebrates, identifying characteristics of vertebrates, and describing their life cycle is our task for this week! We will watch a really neat video about frozen frogs- yes frozen frogs!

Reading: Chester has eaten half of a \$2 bill and thanks to his friend Tucker he was able to pay back the Bellini family. Many unfortunate events begin to happen for Chester, Tucker, Harry, and Mario. How does Chester cope with them and end up helping the Bellini's in the end?

Social Studies: As part of their Self-Control goal, the students will finish listening to the story, The Boy Who Fell Off the Mayflower. The students will start a new unit on the Northeast region. Students will read about the beautiful features of the Northeast, including Niagara Falls. Students will complete activities to help them memorize the states and capitals of the Northeast region.

Language: Students will present their Personal Narratives to their classmates. They have worked so hard on them, and I have enjoyed reading all of them. Students will start reviewing parts of speech. We will begin with the features of a noun.

Vocabulary: Unit 5 Vocabulary begins this week. Students will make flash cards to use when studying at home. Spelling corrections from the pretest on Monday will be due Tuesday. Don't forget to initial the spelling practice record sheet for the vocabulary words. Please make sure to practice spelling with your child every day and initial each time you practice. **The student will pass the recorded sheet in next week on Friday.**



Our Calendar...

We have a busy few weeks up ahead. Check out the Wednesday Envelope that goes home, www.assumptionschoolmillbury.org, or my newsletter for the latest information!

- November 29th: Christmas Drama Play
- December 2nd: Chain of Lights, First Sunday of Advent
- December 5th: Christmas Shoppe
- December 6th: Picture Retakes
- December 7th: No School- Diocesan Professional Development
- December 14th: Christmas Program at Church 6 PM
- December 15th: Candy Cane Christmas Party 12:00 PM-3:00 PM
- December 16th: Barnes and Noble Bookfair

Have a great week!

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5th Grade Math: This week in math we will solidify our 2-digit and 3-digit multiplication. The kids know the process, but most of the time get hung up on the multiplication and addition within the problem. It is a great idea to check their homework and have them make their corrections right away. We will have a 4.5-minute multiplication quiz this week too.

5th Grade Science: We have lots to learn this week! We will look at the describing the structure of an atom, identifying the valence electrons, using a diagram to represent atoms of elements, and hopefully get to describing compounds, organic and inorganic and elements in a chemical formula.