



## What is new in the classroom.....

I hope that everyone had a great weekend. We had many activities to attend to and all were fun (aside from grocery shopping- not my favorite). I was able to complete my Christmas cards to be sent and my calendar to be ordered. This week starts my son's indoor track season. We will be in either Northbridge or Boston. This year so far, he will run the 2 mile and 600m.

I am looking forward to the Assumption Christmas program. Please have the kids in the Parish Hall at 5:30 PM as the program will begin promptly at 6:00 PM in the church. The students are to be dressed in their Sunday best, no jeans or gym shoes and students are expected to be present at this event.

Thank you to the many parents that made the Christmas Shoppe such a success. It is a great event for the students to become consumers and purchase gifts for their family members and friends.

On Friday there is a student council raffle. Please consider sending money for the kids to purchase tickets to win a gift. The tickets are \$1.

Progress reports will be ready on [Edge2day.com](http://Edge2day.com) on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to check out where your child's grades are at and come up with a plan to improve them in the next weeks when we get back from Christmas Break!

The Candy Cane Christmas Party is sure to be a fun time. Join us on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 12-3 PM in the Church Hall!

On Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

The Barnes and Noble Book Fair will take place on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to pick up those last-minute Christmas gifts. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Our Christmas Party will take place on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:45 PM.

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!



## Onto Business.....

Religion: Chapter 6 will be our focus this week. We learn about mercy, forgiveness and how we need that in on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Then we will look at the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Math: We have officially finished our chapter on addition and subtraction today. We had our last day of story problems and will review in class tomorrow. Our test will be on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Science: Our next science lesson on invertebrates starts today. We take an in-depth look at identifying and describing annelids, echinoderms, cnidarians, mollusks and hopefully get to arthropods and insects. Within in this study we look a bit more closely at metamorphosis.

Reading: Chester has made a decision to “retire” on Friday and leave to go home to Connecticut. He misses home and is not fond of the attention he is receiving from the commuters at the Times Square Subway station. As we finish our last chapter, we will see how the Bellini’s and his friends react to him leaving. We will have a final test this week and begin our work on the NYC brochure.

Social Studies: This week, we will identify the resources found at Chesapeake Bay that help with the region’s economy. We will also discuss the causes and effects of pollution at Chesapeake Bay and how to prevent it. We will have a review game on Wednesday and test on Friday.

Vocabulary: We will begin Unit 6 this week. After taking a pretest on the spelling of the words on Tuesday, the students will write any incorrect word 3 times and bring it in on Wednesday. Students will also make up flash cards for definitions. I will also send home a spelling chart for this unit. This is a homework grade, so please make sure to have your child practice the words every day, and you initial the apples on the chart. This will be due next Thursday, 12/20.

Language: Students will categorize types of plural nouns through creating foldables. Students will also identify common and proper nouns. Students will also work on fun writing prompts related to Christmas identifying the singular, plural, common, and proper nouns in their own writing. They will have a Grammar Test on Nouns next week.



## Our Calendar....

December 10<sup>th</sup>: Mass 9 AM

December 14<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Program at Church 6 PM,

Christmas Raffle \$1

December 15<sup>th</sup>: Candy Cane Christmas Party 12:00 PM-3:00 PM

December 16<sup>th</sup>: Barnes and Noble Bookfair

December 17<sup>th</sup>: Mass 9 AM, Preschool Pageant

December 20<sup>th</sup>: Red and Green Dress up day

December 22<sup>nd</sup>: Christmas Break begins

January 2<sup>nd</sup>: School Resumes

Have a great week!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mrs. Olson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative flourish at the end.

Mrs. Olson

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math: Chapter two on multiplication will be finished on Friday. We have a few days of story problems and a day of review on Wednesday. Our test will be on Friday. We then dive right into division.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science: Here we are nearing the end of a unit. I am going to move right along so that we can have our test by the end of next week. This week's studies include Ionic and covalent bonding. Identifying the structural formula of a molecule will round out our week. There will be several little experiments to help with the understanding of these areas.