



## What is happening in the Classroom....

I hope that everyone had a great weekend. We had an indoor track meet most of Sunday and in between I did a bit of shopping to finish up my Christmas lists. While I love this time of year it is so busy, and I seem to run more than enjoy the time. I look forward to break to be able to do that!

I would like to take this chance to wish you and yours a very merry Christmas! Enjoy the time with family and friends.

Please remember that we take the kids out for recess any chance we get as they need that release of energy and fresh air. Be sure your child has everything they need to stay warm each day. Hats, gloves, snow pants, and boots are all important gear to get through these cold, snowy months. Also, if you could label everything with their names that would be great!

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

Progress reports were released on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. I hope that you looked at them to see where improvements need to be made or where we need to keep the same momentum moving forward.

The calendar raffle is in full swing! Please sell those calendars. The money is due by January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Our books for our second book report are to be completely read by Wednesday. The book reports are due on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

I thoroughly enjoyed the Assumption Christmas program. Mrs. Z and the kids did a wonderful job! Thank you to all who were there to support our awesome school!!!!

Boxtops for Education are still coming in!!! Please send in what you have! I will hopefully get some more when I go home as I have many family members saving them for me!



Students are able to earn some extra credit over the break. This extra credit will be put towards their lowest grade in my classes. They are to write 3 sentences about what they are doing from December 22- January 1<sup>st</sup>. I always look forward to reading what happened over break! These may be type written also, if they want.

## Onto Business....

**Religion:** We will take a test on Chapter 6 this Tuesday. I have reviewed in class and they are very confident in this material. This week we will focus our studies on Advent and Christmas. We will be discussing our traditions and how Jesus' birth plays a part in those traditions.

**Math:** Our focus this week will be on our multiplication facts. I have a few games up my sleeve. We will still be working out of book on special factors, the multiplication properties and possibly multiplication by one digit (13x2).

**Science:** Invertebrates is our study of choice right now. We saw a neat video on an Octopus (cephalopods) and how they can blend into their surroundings. The kids were quite fascinated. It is one of my favorites too. This week we move to arthropods, insects and the metamorphosis of insects.

Reading: Our New York City Brochures are coming right along. We will finish them up this week. We then watch a short video "The Cricket in Times Square" and we compare it to our book. It will be fun to see all of the differences. They will then write two paragraphs comparing and contrasting the book and movie.

Social Studies

Language:

Vocabulary:



## Our Calendar....

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

December 21<sup>st</sup>: Last day of school, Christmas party at 1:45 PM

January 2<sup>nd</sup>: Welcome back to School- Happy New year!

January 4<sup>th</sup>: Ice Cream Friday

January 7<sup>th</sup>: Mass 9 AM

January 11<sup>th</sup>: Book Report due

January 14<sup>th</sup>: Mass 9 AM

January 18<sup>th</sup>: Quarter 2 ends

January 21<sup>st</sup>: No School MLK jr. Day

January 23<sup>rd</sup>: PTG meeting 7 PM

January 25<sup>th</sup>: Quarter 2 Report cards to go home

Have a wonderful and blessed Christmas and have a Happy New Year!

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5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math: This week we start our study of division. We will start out small and save the big stuff until after break. We will review the basics this week. We will continue with our multiplication quizzes at 4 and half minutes. After break we will drop to 4 minutes.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science: The kids worked very hard these past few weeks to finish up our study of the structure of matter. Our last lesson will focus on the structural formula of a molecule. We will then complete our study guide on Tuesday, have a review game on Wednesday and our test on Thursday. The students have earned their 600 letters in my class last Thursday, so they will have a movie and a surprise treat on Friday.