

What is happening in the Classroom...



I hope that everyone had a great break. Mine was full of driving, family, friends, and many quick visits with everyone I could fit in while we were in Illinois! We celebrated birthdays, mine and my son's, and the holidays. We were back to bring in the New Year in our home here in MA!

I would like to start off by thanking each of you for my awesome Christmas gift. The class gave me a cash present-which was very generous and much appreciated. Thank you all for the gifts above and beyond the class gift!!

Our book report is due on January 11th. Please be sure that you did not misplace the direction for our "recipe" card.

There is a PTG meeting on Thursday, January 23rd. I hope to see many of you at the meeting. We welcome your ideas. You will receive an hour of volunteer time.

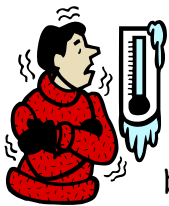
Just as a reminder second quarter ends Friday, January 18th. Please check Edge2day.com at least twice a week to see if your child is missing any homework or needs to boost up a grade!

I would like to thank all of the parents who donated books to our Class library. I appreciate the donations as do the students.

Please remember to dress for the weather each day. We really try to get the kids outside to expel some of their energy each day! Please label all winter gear!

Calendar Raffle is here! I have purchased a few for my family and I hope that we are winners in this annual fundraiser! Good luck and sell those calendars!

Boxtops for Education are still coming in!!! Please send in what you have!



Onto Business...

Religion: We begin our next chapter on worshipping God by praying, through service but especially through the Eucharist. We will have a test on this chapter next week.

Math: Our math goals for this year are going to take off as we begin multiplication. I will begin work on multiplication facts here at school. We will have worksheets that work on one digit at a time (so all 2's 3's and so on.... 2x2 2x3 2x4). Our goal for our test is 100 problems in 5 minutes earning an 85% or better. We will also study the concepts: estimation, and multiplying with regrouping

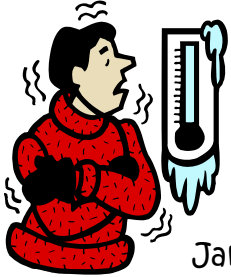
Science: We continue our study of invertebrates this week as we learn about identifying characteristics of arachnids and other arthropods. We also classify animals as to what they eat: Herbivores, Carnivores or Omnivores.

Reading: Reading this week will begin with working on reading comprehension and fluency. We will then begin our next novel, Mr. Popper's Penguins, which is fitting as it is very cold outside!

Social Studies: Students will identify the different Native American tribes of the Northeast. Students will also complete puzzles of the Northeast to increase their knowledge of the different states.

Language: Students will write about their Christmas Break, identify their New Year's resolutions, and create steps to achieve them. Students will also review singular and plural and possessive nouns.

Vocabulary: Students will begin Unit 7 next week.



Our Calendar....

January 2nd: Welcome back to School- Happy New year! No Bus AM and PM

January 7th: Mass 9 AM

January 11th: Pizza Day, Book Report due

January 14th: Mass 9 AM

January 18th: Quarter 2 ends, No Bus PM

January 21st: No School MLK jr. Day

January 23rd: PTG meeting 7:00 PM

January 25th: Report cards released on Edge2Day.com

January 26th: Catholic Schools Night at the Railers 7 PM

Have a great week!

Mrs. Olson ☺

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5th Grade Math: Now that we are back from break, with hopefully minimal snow days, we are getting right into division. The students will complete a 4 square for each lesson, so you can see how I have taught them, and they can hopefully go back to see the steps in the process of solving a division problem. Our multiplication quizzes will continue once a week at 4.5 minutes.

5th Grade Science: We begin yet another area of Chemistry for our next set of lesson. This week we will concentrate on classifying matter as a pure substance or mixture and identifying those mixtures as heterogenous or homogenous. Thank you for studying with your student for our last test. They did great! I know it was difficult as they had a total of 3 tests that day. =)