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News from Room 1

This week in. . . .

Religion: *Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit*

The boys and girls learned that the Holy Spirit helps us to share God's love with others. God's love brings light and warmth to the world. This is why the Church often uses a picture of a Holy Spirit. Fire gives us light and warmth.

We also talked about Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit came to Jesus' followers. We celebrate Pentecost fifty days after Easter Sunday. On this day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit.

This week we made Advent wreaths to share with our families. Advent begins this Sunday.

Math: *Addition Facts to 20*

This week we worked on making 10 to add 8, Adding Three Numbers Word Problems with Three Addends and we also reviewed strategies taught in chapter 5. I will be sending home your child's math paper that we do each day so that you can review the strategies with your child for homework. The test for the chapter will be on Monday.

Science: *Forces and Motion/What makes things Move?*

The following facts are important for your child to know and understand:

1. A force is a push or a pull
2. To make something move, a force is needed.
3. Motion is moving from one place to another
4. Different kinds of pushes and pulls can change the motion of an object.
5. A path that changes directions is called a curve.
6. The top or outside of something is called a surface.
7. A force that makes it harder to move things is friction.

I will give a test over this unit on Thursday, Dec. 6th. If your child has been paying attention in class, this test should be very easy. Each day we do experiments to help the children understand the concepts.

Social Studies: *Christmas around the World*

We are very excited about traveling around the world to visit different countries and learn about Christmas traditions elsewhere. Some children were a little disappointed when we didn't actually board an airplane on our first trip to the France. We located France on a map of the world and colored the flag.



Christmas is a time for gift giving in France. Shoes are left by the fire to be filled by Pere Noel. Birch sticks are sometimes left as a reminder to be good.

Ashes from the Yule log are saved and used during the year to ward off sickness, or other misfortunes.

Germany: We located Germany on the map and colored the flag of Germany.

We discussed the tradition of the lighted Christmas tree as well as the Advent Wreath and how they came to America from Germany. Next week we will be continuing our study of Germany as the children decorate their own gingerbread houses. Every time we visit a new country we take along our suitcases and get our passport stamped.

If, as part of your family's heritage, you have holiday traditions or customs, we would be so grateful if you could come in and share with our class.

Below is the schedule. Please let me know if you would like to do this so I can include it in our plans.

November 27-28 *France*

November 30- Dec. 4 *Germany*

December 5-6 *Holland/Netherlands*

December 10 *Italy*

December 11 *Mexico*

December 13 *Sweden*

December 17 *England*

Gingerbread House News: I would like to thank the following parents for volunteering to help us with making gingerbread houses:

Mrs. Emmerling, Mrs. Galbreath, Mrs. Keating, and Mrs. Ward.

I will see you at 8:45 on Tuesday, Dec 4th. We should be finished by 10:00.



Language Arts/Reading:

Story: *Fun with Fish*

Please have your child read this story to you over the weekend.

Comprehension Skill: Noting Details

Phonics: ch/ch , tch

Grammar: Nouns, Person, Place or Thing

Punctuation: Question Marks

High Frequency Words:

many, then, them, so, these

Story Words:

away, food, funny, hide, how, many, their, some

Spelling and Word Wall Words for the Week of December 3rd :

chip, itch, catch, match, how, many, inch, chin

The spelling test will be Thursday, December 6th.

Parent Volunteers
Decemeber 3rd Mrs. Carfagna
December 4th Mrs. Michalec

Quilt Project

If anyone is still interested in donating money or fabric scraps for our Silent Auction quilt project it is not too late. Your support is appreciated!

HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP!

I'm still in need of parent volunteers to help with set up and serving for breakfast with the Magi on December 12th from 9:40- 11:00.

Nutcracker Field Trip News!



The following parents will be our chaperones on Friday December 14th.

Please be at school at 8:15 for a short meeting.

Mrs. Galbreath

Mrs. Hughes

Mrs. Keating

Mrs. Kish

Mrs. McCann

Mrs. Newell

Mrs. Steiger

Mrs. Ward is our alternate chaperone

Box Tops News

We've earned an out of uniform day for bringing in 1000 box tops. Our out-of-uniform day will be December 4th. Thank you for sending in your Box Tops!

Student Highlights

Today is Monday, November 26th, 2012.

Jacob went off the diving board at the pool this weekend. **Benjamin** saw **Mrs.**

Shephard and her grandchildren at Macy's.

Vincent is happy that his dad got back from a trip to San Francisco. **Ella** is getting her Christmas tree on Saturday.

Today is Tuesday, November 27th, 2012.

Brandon's uncle was ordained a Deacon last Saturday. **Mallory's** elf colored her milk green and red. **Camden's** mom took him to a boxing class last night. **Rian** lost her second tooth. **Shelby's** elf was sitting on her Christmas tree.

Today is Wednesday, November 28th, 2012.

Congratulations to **Nicklaus** our student of the month and it is also his birthday. **Ryan** had fun playing basketball on Sunday.

Brigid thought it was funny that her baby cousin threw food on the floor at dinner time.

Today is Thursday, November 29th, 2012.

Isabella and her cousin walked on some trails. Today we celebrated **Mrs.**

Shephard's birthday! **Colin's** elf was hiding in his stocking cap. **Brady** found his elf in his batmobile. **Nathan's** elf hid in his refrigerator.

