



What is happening in the Classroom....

I hope that everyone had a great weekend. 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!

Please remember that we take the kids out for recess any chance we get as they need that release of energy and the fresh air. Be sure your child has everything they need to stay warm each day. Hats, gloves, 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 18th at 1:45 PM.

Progress reports were released on Friday, December 11th. 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 this Friday, December 18th.

MAP testing will take place in the first few weeks of January. I will let you know when I am going to test the kids.

Our next book report is due on January 22nd.

Please continue to submit your receipts on the Boxtops for Education app. It is an easy download on your phone and please select Assumption School to benefit your Boxtops.

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 19- January 3rd. I always look forward to reading what happened over break! These may be type written also, if they want.



Onto Business....

Religion: This week we will focus our studies on Christmas. We will be discussing our traditions and how Jesus' birth plays a part in those traditions.

Math: Our focus this week is finishing up our chapter on addition and subtraction. This week we will work on our story problems.

Our test will be on Wednesday, December 17th. After break we start with multiplication! What an adventure it will be!

Science: This week we will do a few different experiments with bubbles. The experiments will encourage STEM like thinking. If you have gloves at home could you please send in a pair. (the

cheap one that look tiny and stretch to fit your hands, see picture at the bottom of this newsletter.) IF you do not have them, I do have some extras that I am willing to share (they are clean and have been quarantined).

Reading: We finished our latest novel, The Cricket in Times Square last week. We are now beginning a project where we create a brochure about the sights and sounds of New York City. We will also have a read aloud this week, George's Marvelous Medicine.

Social Studies: This week, students will complete the last chapter in the unit "WE ALL LIVE TOGETHER" to complete our studies on the United States as a diverse nation of people and cultures, the three levels and branches of government, and the role of citizens to elect the United States representatives who make and enforce laws. Our unit review will be Wednesday and our test on Thursday.

Language: Yay! We made it to the last week before the Holidays! As we conclude our unit on Nouns at the end of the week, students will also be working on their very own creative writing "Christmas Story." I am delighted and amazed at what talented writers your children are and how much they "ENJOY" the process! Students completed their brainstorming, prewriting, and peer conferencing stages in the writing process last week and will be creating an illustrated book of their fictional story to publish/share with each other on Thursday and Friday.



Our Calendar....

December 14th: Mass

December 18th: OOU \$1 Christmas Dress up Day, Calendar Raffle Money due

December 19th-January 3rd: Christmas Break- Enjoy the time off!

December 21st: Winter Begins

January: MAP testing (I will let you know the days we are testing)

January 4th: Return to school

January 7th: PTG meeting via Zoom

January 18th: No School MLK Jr. Day

January 29th: Quarter 2 ends

January 31st-February 5th: Catholic Schools Week

February 5th: 2nd Quarter Report Cards go home

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

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5th Grade Math: This week we continue our study of division. We begin with larger quotients this week. No worries we will take a day or two to review when we return to school after break. We will continue with our multiplication quizzes at four and a half minutes. After break we will drop to 4 minutes.

5th Grade Science: We are in the middle of our study of the physical and chemical properties of matter. Our lessons this week focus on identifying phase changes when heat is removed and added, observing and describing physical changes.