



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

I hope that everyone had a great weekend. It sure was nice to watch the snow fall on a Saturday. The snow is a great way to get into the Christmas spirit when this holiday season is so different from years past.

Progress reports will be ready on Edge2day.com on Friday, December 11<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 coming weeks and when we get back from Christmas Break!

On Friday, December 18<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.

Our Christmas Party will take place on Friday, December 18<sup>th</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! We do not climb on the snow hills so snow pants are not needed.

Now is the time to shop at our Christmas Shoppe. Here are the details:

1. Visit <https://ne.schoolholidayshops.com/>
2. Click on the "Enter Here" button
3. Click on the door to start shopping and enter code **ASP9804**
4. Click on the tables by category to begin shopping



## Onto Business.....

Religion: We will finish up our chapter on Advent, no test with this chapter, and begin a very special project.

Math: continuing with our study of subtraction, this week we tackle subtracting larger numbers and zeroes in subtraction. We will also have the challenge in one of our lessons of having to watch our signs to see if we add or subtract. Next Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, we will take our chapter 3 test.

Science: On Tuesday we will complete our study guide on vertebrates. We will review in class on Wednesday. Our test will be on Thursday. We will then have a few fun experiments that we complete in class.

Reading: We finished our Novel "The Cricket in Times Square." Tucker and Harry were able to help Chester back to Grand Central Station so he could get back to Connecticut after he retired. The Bellini's were sad that he left, but Mario knows he will be happy, since he grabbed his silver bell before he left. This week we will take our final test on Wednesday and begin a project on Thursday.

Social Studies: Last week students learned about the three levels of our government at the local, state, and federal levels and who are the leaders at each level. We also learned that the United States is a republic where the people elect leaders to make laws, make decisions, and run the government at all three levels. This week, students will focus on three branches of government, legislative, executive and judicial branches, and how each branch functions.

Language: Students did a wonderful job on their Unit 6 spelling and vocabulary tests last week! This week, we will continue a more in-depth focus on Nouns, both singular/plural, common/proper and the rules that apply to singular and possessive Nouns. The students are also excited to explore their creative writing skills in a fictional Christmas Story and illustrating their persons, places, and things (nouns) they imagine/create in a short story writing book.



## Our Calendar....

December 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Shoppe, details to come soon!

December 8<sup>th</sup>: Mass- Immaculate Conception

December 11<sup>th</sup>: Check out Edge for your child's progress report

December 14<sup>th</sup>: Mass

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

December 19<sup>th</sup>-January 4<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Break- Enjoy the time off!

December 21<sup>st</sup>: Winter Begins

January 4<sup>th</sup>: Return to school

Have a great week!

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5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math: Our study of division is going remarkably well, so far! This week we dive right in 3-digit quotients and division patterns. The students will be checking their work with multiplication in class, but they will not need to complete that step on their homework. We continue with our 4.5-minute multiplication quizzes.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science: We have discussed our mixtures and pure substances along with homogeneous and heterogeneous mixtures. This week we will classify our mixtures as a solution, colloid, or suspension. We also look at identifying solids, liquids, gases, and plasmas and phase changes with heat being added and removed. Fun stuff this week!