

It is hard to believe that November is already upon us. October was a very busy month. In Religion we have been learning about the rosary. We prayed a decade of the rosary daily and learned about the Joyful and Sorrowful mysteries. We visited St. Ambrose Cathedral and walked through the Holy Doors. During November we will be learning about saints, the liturgical year and begin the season of Advent. We continue to work on making the sign of the cross. We attend mass on Thursdays with our middle school prayer partners.

In Math we have been sorting and graphing. We've been acting out story problems. We worked on problem solving in our October math journals.

We are finishing up our first reading unit this week. We were off a couple of days due to our field trip and other activities, which is why our homework came home in the middle of the week. It can be returned to school anytime this week. Our sight words are **I, like, the, and**. We've been working with the letters **m** and **s**. We've learned about nouns and verbs.

This week we began a new Social Studies unit called Then and Now. Here are some of the important things we will learn about:

- Past, present and future
- How people lived long ago
- What life was like long ago
- Homes, clothing, food, transportation, school and jobs long ago
- How our lives are different today

At the end of the unit we will be "churning" butter, just like they did long ago.

Please remember that warm weather uniform attire is not allowed now until April. Students are to be in long pants. Girls may wear the plaid or navy blue jumpers or skirts. No shorts, skorts or t-shirts until spring. Students must wear a shirt with a collar, even under the CKS sweatshirt. In addition, please make sure students wear jackets for outside recess.

Upcoming Events:

Friday, Nov. 4th-**No School**

Friday, Nov. 11th-\$1 Jean Day

Tuesday, Nov. 22nd-Thanksgiving Celebration (PK-2)

Thursday, Dec. 1st-Kids Go Shopping (more info later)

Thursday, Dec. 15th-Christmas program (more later)

Here is a list of items we are in need of for the classroom: stickers, old socks for erasing dry erase boards, dry erase markers (skinny ones), paper plates (6 and 9 inch, not foam), play-doh, plastic lids from containers (margarine, cool-whip, etc.), Pringles cans, Swiffer wet pads for bathroom floor, board games to replace worn out ones, cheap flashlights with batteries, brown paper lunch bags, stamp pads.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
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