



Coming Events

- 3rd - Family Grouping
- 16th - Christmas Mass at Holy Trinity
- 18th - Class Party
- 21st - Holidays Begin

December Birthdays



- 8th - Jacob's Birthday
- 15th - Hailey's Birthday
- 25th - Jesus' Birthday



Math Challenge your child to do some mental math in their head. Ask them 2 digit addition or subtraction questions and see how they fare. Also when around and about the city or the home ask your child to estimate how many are in a box or in a row. Then discuss how you might find out. With estimation there doesn't have to be a right answer just a plausible one. Much of our everyday does involves estimation. It is an important skill we have developed to help us do things quickly. This month students will work on problem solving. Students will need to identify key words in the question, make pictures to clarify their understanding, and write word sentences to solve word problems. Please check their work daily and ask them questions to help them clarify their learning. We will begin multiplication facts around the 2nd week of this month.



P.E. This month we will dance. They will learn the Butterfly, Maccarena, YMCA, Bunny Hop, Polka, Hip Hop, Mexican Hat Dance, and how to shadow dance. It is going to be lots of fun.



L.A.

The students get the chance to present orally their book report this month. It is called a Paper Bag Book Report. Have them practice speaking loudly and clearly at home, so they gain confidence in what they will say at school. Students will focus writing a beginning of a story. They will develop a main character, describe the setting and explain what problem or challenge that the main character faces. I will encourage students to write in complete sentences, use similes and their senses to make their writing come alive. Please look over your child's writing to make sure it makes sense and that it flows. I would also like to mention that I am very impressed with the amount of reading the children are doing at home. Fantastic job!

Social



The students had an eye opening experience visiting the places of worship last month. There was much to see and hear about others faith and beliefs. This month we will discuss traditions and students will be asked to share a tradition they have within their home with the class. We will make a booklet that will contain all of the children's families' traditions in it. You can send a picture with a write up as soon as possible. Look for the note explaining this to accompany your child home. Everyone in the class will receive a booklet. Also this month the students will work on their cultural reports. They will choose what element of culture interests them from one of the countries of study and research it.

Extras

It was great seeing you and discussing with you how we can help your child at Parent Teacher Interviews. Please keep an eye on your child's goal setting and contact me if you have any concerns.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



The students will discuss the importance of Advent and getting ourselves ready to welcome our Saviour. I have numerous advent activities that will help the students reflect on their role in Christmas. I have brought in a bare artificial tree, which I am encouraging the children to decorate with gifts for Jesus. They will be given pictures for ways which they can prepare to receive Jesus. For example; if they help someone in need they will be given an angel to colour, if they bring in a gift for the needy, they will be given a present to colour, if they pray for someone, they will be given a heart to colour, and if they bring in a food item for the food bank, then they will be given a picture of a feast to colour. We will make our tree, a tree of beauty through acts of generosity and love. Each year student's shower me with wonderful gifts. I have been blessed by their kindness, however, I would like to ask parents and children to redirect their kindness to our class' tree project. Buy a present for a needy child this year instead, and drop it off at the classroom. We'll put it under our tree and you'll brighten the hearts of many.

May The Joy of Jesus' Birth be with you and your family during the Christmas Season.

Mr. Maykut