K5 Newsletter Week of December 8, 2023

Literacy Focus: identify the characters, setting, and major events of the story.

Letter of the Week: Pp Word Family: IP Family Sight Words: Review

Math Focus: The students are learning to classify and categorize objects into groups. They are learning to explain their reasoning.

Upcoming Events:

12/13 Christmas Program 1pm & 6:30pm

12/25 No School - Christmas Break 1/3 Classes Resume

Outside Time: With the snow and winter cold weather here. please make sure your student is sent with proper winter clothing. I highly suggest 2 pairs of gloves/mittens because of our 2 recess times. I also suggest making sure your student has an extra pair or 2 of socks and pants at school. Often their socks and pants get wet making for an uncomfortable time after recess.

Teacher Message

Hello K5 Families!

Literacy: Our stories this week are focused on traditions and information about the certain country we are traveling to. On Monday, we read a story about La Befana and her search for Jesus. Tuesday, we reviewed the Gingerbread Man story and wrote about how we would catch the Gingerbread Man. On Wednesday, we read a story about getting ready for Chinese New Year. On Thursday, we read a story about the tradition of tinsel on Christmas trees.

Social Studies: We are traveling around the world learning about different holiday and christmas traditions throughout the world. This week, we have and will be traveling to Italy, China, and Germany. For each country, we are writing down some facts we learned and doing a special craft that goes with that country.

Religion: We are also learning about the different parts of the liturgical year and the colors that help us remember those times. For example, the color purple reminds of advent and lent when we prepare and do penance. We talked about St. Nicholas and the virtue of love of neighbor. We also read the story about Joshua and the battle of Jericho. Joshua reminds us to always listen to God even when we don't think it will work.

Math: We have finished up a unit on classifying and categorizing objects into groups. We talked about how we can sort groups in many different ways and then compare the groups by counting and using tally marks. We are also learning to explain our reasoning.

Christmas Program: Next week is the Christmas program. We are so excited to share all of our hard work with all of you! Students are expected to be in uniform for the school day and the 1pm performance. For the 6:30pm performance, students should come dressed up in their Christmas best.

Advent Service Project: Hope for those without Homes. The K5 class is responsible for providing Granola Bars (minimum of 8). The goal is for every student to bring in a box of Granola Bars by December 15th. Your participation in giving to the less fortunate is greatly appreciated.

Mary, the Immaculate Conception, pray for us! St. Nicholas, pray for us!