

4th Grade News

Dec. 1-5

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in our classroom. Decorations are being hung, songs are being sung the tree is trimmed, and the fireplace is lit. If you would like to come and see it at anytime, let us know, we would be happy to share our Christmas Spirit with you.

Advent has started and we have learned what the word Advent actually means. It is a time to "prepare", not just for Jesus' birth, but for His second coming. Did you know the priests wear purple vestments to symbolize "preparation"?

We are all preparing for Jesus and we are preparing for the Christmas program. We are really getting our parts down and we had our first long practice with the fifth graders today. Make sure you mark your calendars so you can come watch us perform either Wednesday Dec. 17 at 1:30 or 6:30 in the afternoon.

After the play has concluded, students may go home with parents. If they are going to be picked up by someone other than a parent or someone who normally picks them up, please send a note letting me know you okayed it.

In math this week, we took a test and started learning the order of operations. A little trick to remember them is "Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally" or "PEMDAS". We know that you always have to start with Parentheses. The other operations in order are Exponents, Multi-

ply, Divide, Add, and Subtract. We are getting really good with this so ask us if we can teach you.

$$4 \times 5 + (10 \div 2)$$

The next couple weeks will be crazy ones trying to learn and practice for the play some more. Wish us luck, health, and patience!

At conferences a binder was sent home for you to look at. I am missing three. If we could get that back ASAP so we can continue to add to it that would be great. Also, I am missing three report cards, and I need those back as well.

Just a reminder that the 4th graders and their families are in charge of coffee and rolls after the 8:30am mass this Sunday. A flyer was sent home earlier this week letting you know more about it. If you have questions, please contact Amy Rutten or Sue Storry. They are both home and school members.

Also sent home was a note letting you know about Secret Santas. The kids picked names and know who they have. If you would like to know or check, I do have a list, so feel free to ask.

-Mrs. P and the Fourth graders

NEXT WEEK:

- Immaculate Conception Mass Mon Dec 8 8:30
- OLPA Math Testing Dec. 11

FUTURE:

- SHAS Christmas program Wed. Dec. 17 1:30 and 6:30
- Last day before Christmas Break Fri. Dec. 19
- School Resumes Mon. January 5.

Spelling

1. yourself
2. maybe
3. problem
4. complete
5. rather
6. crowd
7. since
8. fresh
9. piece
10. cotton
11. colon
12. children
13. heaven
14. satin
15. penguin
16. reproduce
17. organism
18. community

Challenge

19. commutative
20. associative
21. ecosystem