

4th Grade News

Dec. 8-12

We just had a test in Social on Tuesday. Did you know the capital of Kentucky is Frankfort? We have been having a lot of fun in social, we were playing match capital to state. Did you know the Mississippi River starts in Minnesota? We were playing fun games and every day we watch Daily Almanac and sometimes we learn a lot. We were learning about the Northeast, and now we are learning about the Southeast. I hope you all have a great Christmas Break and have no coal. And of you do just hope for chocolate coal. Merry Christmas! - **Isaac**

Cold, Cold, Cold! It is really cold. We are hoping it is going to snow for our Christmas vacation. Next Saturday is going to be just the start of our fun vacation. We are all cooped up and waiting for school to be over for vacation.

What is Christmas? It is not just for the gifts is it? To me Christmas is all about the birth of Jesus and celebrating it with your family. The gifts are just a symbol for how much a person loves you. - **Landon**

We are having a door decorating contest against the other classes. We did "Don't feed the Reindeer," with Rudolph covering the "Don't." We also cut out paper lights and put our names on the big bulbs and the cut out matching colored bulbs to put around the door. Don't forget your "Secret Santa" gifts (remember who

you have). Have a good winter everyone. - **Danielle**

On December 17th, we are going to have our Christmas Play. We have been practicing a lot. The play is about "What is a Gift?" Jesus is our Super Gift. It takes place in a toy shop. I am a shepherd, Keegan is too. Corrine and Landon are clowns; Colby, Kierston, and Andy are kings; Isaac is Joseph and finally, Danielle is the Christmas Kitten. - **Jack**

In Math, we just finished remainders, such as $25 \div 6 = 4R1$. We also are working on Order of Operations. Do you know how to figure out $5+3 \div 3 \times 3$? We do!

Today, Friday 12, we started working with variables. Variables are letters and can stand for any number that is in the problem. I picked $y=10$

$$3y = 30$$

$$Y \div 4 = 2R2$$

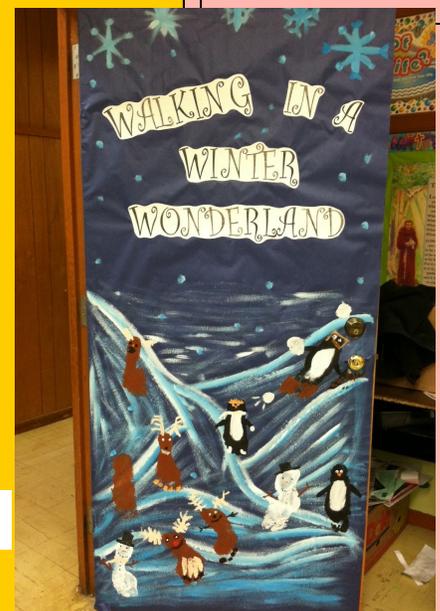
$$Y - 2 = 8$$

$$Y + 1 = 11$$

Y, X, and N are the most popular for this type of math. We hope you have a GREAT Christmas. - **Colby**

Spelling

1. Christmas
2. Santa Claus
3. ornament
4. Jesus
5. wreath
6. reindeer
7. holly
8. jingle bells
9. caroling
10. Christmas tree
11. North Pole
12. yuletide
13. fruitcake
14. wrapping
15. stocking
16. chimney
17. manger
18. gifts
19. Silent Night
20. St. Nicholas



The classroom door

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This week we are learning about Advent, we are also doing an online Advent Calendar and a paper calendar. Did you know that our last day of school will be on the 19th of December in Advent. Day 15 on the paper calendar says: "This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in clothes and lying in a manger. Luke 2:12. Another one is day 5 on the online calendar. There are many different traditions and theories as to why Christmas is celebrated on December 25th. A very early Christian tradition said that the day when Mary was told that she would have a very special baby, Jesus (called the Annunciation) was on March 25th - and it's still celebrated today on the 25th of March. Nine months after the 25th March is the 25th of December! - **Corrine**

In Science, we just took a test on ecosystems. They consist of habitats, populations, communities, niches, and even carnivores, herbivores, omnivores, scavengers, and decomposers. We had a lot of fun making a food chain chain, watching a piece of damp bread mold in a plastic bag, and even playing baseball to review for the test. - **Kierston**



NEXT WEEK:

- SHAS Christmas program Wed. Dec. 17 1:30 and 6:30
- Last day before Christmas Break Fri. Dec. 19

FUTURE:

- School Resumes Mon. January 5.
- Our class mass Thursday January 8, 2015
- 2 hr early out Friday January 9, 2015
- End of second quarter. Friday January 16, 2015

