

# CLASSROOM NEWS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 2, 2024

## NEWS & UPCOMING

12/6 Parents' Night Out 5:30-8:30PM

12/6-12/12 Good News! Book Fair More information to come.

12/9 All School Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at 10:30 AM. Families are invited.

12/12 St. Patrick School Christmas Concert. Please have your child to school by 6:15 PM. Refreshments will be served afterward.

12/15 St. Patrick Parish Advent Penance Service at 2:00 PM

12/20 Grade 2 and 3 Christmas Party. Time to be determined. If any parents want to help with the party, let me know.

12/23-1/3 Christmas Break

## What We are Learning

**Religion**- We will be doing many different things in the classroom to prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ...advent wreaths, Jesse tree, St. Nicholas, and Wandering Wise Men to name a few. The Wandering Wisemen, similar to Elf on the Shelf, pay our classroom a visit all through Advent. They are searching for the Christ Child and leave challenges for the kids to complete. When the children participate, it brings the Wise Men such joy and they want to continue their search. They do, at times, get themselves into a bit of trouble from time to time. Make sure to ask your kids what the Wise Men are up to and remind them to complete their challenge. Look for lots of different resources to be coming home to help enrich your family's advent experience. We will be reading from the Jesus Storybook Bible in class. It partners beautifully with the Jesse Tree. If you haven't heard of the book, it is wonderful! Check it out! (image below)

**Math**- the 3rd graders are continuing to focus on multiplication. The 2nd graders are focusing on double digit addition.

**Phonics**- The Saxon lessons will focus on digraphs "ng", "ph", and "ea". I mentioned to most families that I would like to have a Saxon parent informational session at school to educate you a bit about our phonics program. I will be sending out an email regarding this shortly to judge interest and parent availability.

**Reading, Religion, and Social Studies**- We will be participating in a Christmas Around the World Unit Study. The students will learn about how different countries around the world celebrate Christmas. We will dabble into other highlights about several countries as well. The kids will carry suitcases along our trip and collect souvenirs along the way. Our first flight will take us to Mexico. We will be reading The Legend of the Poinsettia by Tomie dePaola. Consequently we will be setting aside our Journeys readers until the first of the year as we focus on different trade books. I would love help treating the kids to a special Christmas treat native to the countries that we will be visiting. If you would like to bake or purchase a treat, let me know. We will also be touching about Our Lady of Guadalupe and Juan Diego.

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