

5th Grade Newsletter

Holy Cross
Lutheran School
Dec. 1, 2017

Message from the Teacher

The Christmas season is a special time of year when we find ways to celebrate the birth of our Savior, and honor Him for what he has done for us. The concerts, the service projects, the parties, and even gift shopping can all be done in a spirit of worship to God if we just focus on the reason for the season—Jesus! He is God's gift to us, and we should prepare to celebrate!

5th Grade Christmas Service Project

One way we celebrate God's good gifts to us is through our class Christmas service project. It involves supporting the food bank of one of our sister Lutheran congregations. Each year, Grace Lutheran Church, provides special Christmas food boxes to low income families in their community. Our church supports Grace's food bank on an ongoing basis, but for this special project, I like to have my class get more involved. We will go on a field trip to Aldi's grocery store to shop for food items needed for the food boxes. We will go shopping next Friday, Dec. 8. There is a note about the field trip with a permission slip, attached to this newsletter.

Secret Angels and Wrapping Paper

There are a few things I like to do in my classroom to help celebrate Christmas. Next week we will wrap our desk tops in Christmas wrapping paper to help decorate the room. Any student who wants to do this should bring their own wrapping paper to school on Monday, and we

will find time to wrap desks early in the week. If possible, cutting the paper to size is very helpful. It should be about 37 & 1/2 inches long and 20 inches wide.

We also do a secret angel gift exchange for Christmas. Students will draw a classmate's name, (girls will draw girls names and boys will draw boys) and will get them a gift to be opened during our Christmas party. For two or three days before our party, each student will act as a "Secret Angel" and secretly give small daily gifts (such as a pencil, candy cane, etc.) to the person they drew. When we open gifts at the party, each person will try to guess their "Secret Angel." I will have them draw names next week, to give time for shopping. Let's limit the amount spent for all the gifts to no more than \$10. Please work hard at keeping the identity of who you are gifting, a secret. It spoils the fun if the secret is discovered ahead of time.

Christmas Party

Our room mother should be contacting you soon about helping with the Christmas party. It will be Dec. 19th at the end of the school day. Think about how you might be able to help by bring or sending treats, snacks, or drinks for the party.

Band Concert

The Christmas Band Concert is next Thursday, Dec. 7th, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please make sure that your student has their instrument here at school on Monday and Wednesday so they can practice. We are looking forward to seeing how much they have learned during this first part of the year.

Spelling Words

Here is the list of spelling words for next week. The words in this unit have open syllables. The words in the list from Unit 3 week 1 are:

minus	comet	smoky
loser	vacant	tyrant
humor	punish	valley
closet	cavern	fifteen
recent	shiver	culture
student	decent	fatigue
equal	linen	fugitive
profile	legal	
local	panic	

Memory Work

This week we started a new unit in Religion called “God the Father’s Gracious Gifts.” In this unit, we will study God’s provision for us and His creative power, starting with the story of creation. We will also study the “fall” of Adam and Eve. Included in that will be the topic of angels and what the Bible tells us about them, as well as the topic of Satan and who he is, and how he wants to separate us from God. This always leads us to an understanding of God’s power over sin and death through Jesus Christ our Savior. Our memory verse reminds us that God gives us the power to fight against the devil and temptation.

Looking Ahead:

Wed. Dec. 6	Spelling Bee, 2:45 in Fellowship Hall
Wed. Dec. 6	Advent Worship Service, 9:30am, 7 pm
Thurs. Dec. 7	Christmas Band Concert, 10am, 7pm
Fri. Dec. 8	STUCO Pay to Wear Free Dress
Fri. Dec. 8	Shopping Trip to Aldi’s 9:15
Thurs. Dec. 14	K-8 Christmas Program, 7pm



Thurs. Dec. 7

Finally, be strong in the Lord and His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. Ephesians 6:10-11

Thurs. Dec. 14

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when He appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

1 John 3:2

Have a Great Weekend, and may God Bless your preparations for the coming Christmas Celebration!