



December



Holy Cross Lutheran
Wichita, KS

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Mrs. Thomas' Classroom Newsletter

Memory Work-

Memory work for Tuesday will be the rest of the Second Article meaning: Just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true. On Friday there will be a fill-in-the-blank quiz over the Second Article-no meaning.

Historical Wax Museum-

It won't be long before it's time for us to present our wax museum! The date is Thursday, February 8th from 12:30-1:15. You might want to mark your calendars now and tell your family and friends! Official invitations will be coming out in the New Year. We will be choosing our characters in several weeks. Please start thinking about 3-5 characters from history that you might like to portray in word and costume. It would be a good idea **not** to share these ideas with anyone so no one takes your idea! *When thinking about your character, please remember to think of individuals that have been a positive figure in our history. I don't want any characters that might be questionable in character.* If you have questions, please ask! This has been a very popular event in the years I have been doing this, and we look forward to it every year. More information will come. **Plan on having your selections ready by Tuesday, December 12th. We will choose our characters on that date.**

Reading-

We wrote a paragraph about the symbiotic relationship between bees and flowers concentrating on using supporting details to support and explain the main idea. We completed a project comparing texts from the unit and were introduced to adaptations.

English-

We identified and used singular and plural pronouns as well as subject, object, and possessive pronouns.

Religion-

We recalled God's judgment and mercy in the events of Israel's journey to the Promised Land. We discussed how God in Christ leads us daily to leave sins behind and enter the new and eternal life He provides. We reviewed the story of the call of Gideon and discussed how he showed himself to be a hesitant, unlikely choice. We talked about how Christians today can easily fall into the same kinds of feelings about not feeling qualified or willing to carry out a part in God's kingdom. We were reminded though that we can be God's servants in many ways.

Social Studies-

This week we discussed the geography and natural resources of the Northeast. We will take the first states test on Wednesday. See the information and states on the following page.

Geography Bee-

This week the 4th graders participated in a classroom geography bee. A school wide bee will be held in January for kids in grades 4-8. The 4th graders who will represent our class are Ava and Gabe. Jordan will stand by as the alternate. Congratulations!

Science-

This week we discussed how a sudden change in one group of organisms (plants or animals) can affect another group of organisms.

Thank you so much for the birthday wishes, gifts, and goodies! you helped make my birthday very special!

Math-

We subtracted three digit numbers with regrouping and found missing factors in multiplication problems. We rounded numbers to estimate and added and subtracted decimal numbers. Yesterday we started multiplying two-digit numbers, and today we used the Associative Property to solve problems involving parentheses. We named line segments using two points on a line and used symbols to identify line segments. The next math test will be Monday.

Spelling-

The next spelling test will be Thursday. I have attached the list to this newsletter.

Spanish-

We were not able to have Spanish this week because Mrs. Amey was ill. We look forward to the next Spanish class with her!

Christmas Gift Exchange-

As part of our Christmas party on Tuesday, December 19th, we will exchange Christmas gifts with each other. When purchasing gifts, I ask that you try to stay around \$10.00. We drew names this week so each child knows who they have. If they forget, I have a master list. The kids can start bringing the gifts to school on Wednesday, December 13th.

Christmas Party-



Those who volunteered to bring goodies for the Christmas party are Mrs. Davis (sweets), Jessica Hegeman (sweets), Sarah Njenga (sweets), Mrs. Juhnke (salty), Mrs. Mushi (fruit), Mrs. Kuhlman (cheese & crackers), Mrs. Koster (drinks), Mrs. Deutsch (plates/napkins), Jamie Helm (salty), Mrs. Keene (fruit), and Mrs. Kelly (cheese & crackers). Thank you in advance for all your help! Anyone is welcome to stop by during party time. If you would like, you can send your goodies to school in the morning, otherwise please make sure they are in the room by 2:00. Thanks. **The party will be from 2:20-3:20.** Our room parents (Mr. Helm and Mrs. Davis) might be sending you reminders for the party.

Next Week's Highlights

Monday

Cumulative Math Test-Lessons 1-40

Tuesday

Wednesday

States Test-Northeast Region #1

Thursday

Spelling Test

Friday

Memory Quiz-Second Article

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, December 6th-

Spelling Bee, 2:45 pm/Advent Worship- 9:30 & 7 pm/"Spirit Night" at Freddy's, 5-9 pm

Friday, December 8th-

STUCO Pay-to Wear Free Dress Day/parents in Prayer, 8:20-9:00

Tuesday, December 12th-

Wax Museum Character Ideas Due

Wednesday, December 13th-

Advent Worship, 9:30 am & 7:00 pm

Thursday, December 14th-

K-8 Christmas Concert, 7 pm

Friday, December 15th-

Free Dress Day

Monday, December 18th-

Blaze Pizza "Spirit Night" 5-8 pm

Tuesday, December 19th-

Christmas Party-2:20-3:15 pm/
End of 2nd Quarter

Wed., Dec. 20-Wed., Jan. 3-

NO SCHOOL-CHRISTMAS BREAK

As I mentioned at home visits, the 4th graders will be learning the states and capitals as we study the regions. The students will have to know how to spell the states, what the capital is (not required to know how to spell it), and where the state is on a blank US map. Our first states test will be next Wednesday, December 6th. Below find a list of the first states we will test over. We usually only do half the states at a time.

States Test

Northeast Region #1

Wednesday, December 6th

Augusta, Maine

Montpelier, Vermont

Concord, New Hampshire

Boston, Massachusetts

Providence, Rhode Island

Hartford, Connecticut

Week 4

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| dart | spark | warp | cord |
| guard | target | door | worn |
| award | smart | fort | stormy |
| backyard | charge | morning | core |
| argue | carpet | stork | bore |

Review & Challenge Words

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| screech | shrimp | throat | charcoal | forecast |
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Spelling Test-Thursday, December 7th

Memory Quiz-Friday, December 8th

The Apostles' Creed- Second Article

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.