

# First Grade News

December 1, 2017

This week in first grade, we:



**Religion** –We listened to God’s word about “Esther” and “Elijah and the Prophets of Baal”. We learned that God gives confidence to ordinary people so that they will bless others in His time and way. We also learned that God gives people faith and courage to demonstrate His love and power for us in unmistakable ways.

## December's Memory Verse:

(Every Friday in December, your child will recite this verse to me.)

**"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;  
he is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11**

**Reading** – discussed and read stories about how plants change as they grow. The oral vocabulary words were: bloom, sprout, assist, grasped and spied. We worked with long ī\_e words. We continued to practice adding the silent letter e at the end of a word to change it completely. We studied present and past tense verbs. Next Week’s Words to Know: any, from, happy, once, so and upon. In phonics, we learned The Floss Rule. Ask your child to say the cheer. We worked on spelling with final c. We also worked with letters Jj and Vv. We practiced coding and spelling with each of the concepts. We took a phonic assessment and spelling test.

**Math** - practiced identifying even numbers to 20 and on a hundreds chart. We counted pennies and traded them for dimes. We also created a line of symmetry by folding paper in half. We took fact assessment 5 and written assessment 10.

**Social Studies** - began our study of Christmas Around the World. The first country we learned about was Italy. We learned that one of the most important ways to celebrate Christmas in Italy is the Nativity scene.



## Student Teacher

Upcoming Weeks:

- Dec. 4-8: Weston
- Dec. 11-15: Mae

# Upcoming Events & Reminders

- Dec. 6 ~ "Spirit Night" at Freddy's 5-9pm
- Dec. 8 ~ STUCO Pay to Wear Free Dress Day
- Dec. 9 ~ 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade choirs sign at the 6pm Church Service
- Dec. 14 ~ **K-8 Christmas Program** at 7pm in the Sanctuary. (Bake Sale after program) Please have the children arrive by 6:45 and go directly to the first grade classroom **after using the bathroom.** ☺ Attire is church clothes.
- Dec. 18 ~ "Spirit Night" at Blaze Pizza 5-8pm
- Dec. 19 ~ Classroom Christmas Party 2-3pm.
- Dec. 20-Jan. 3 ~ No School Christmas Break
- Check the "Holy Cross Eagle" for more announcements and activities.
- **Thank you!** We have some new books in our classroom thanks to many first grade families who donated books to our classroom from the Book Fair.
- **Thank you!** Our field trip wouldn't have been possible without you!

