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First Grade Newsletter
December 16, 2016



Upcoming Events

December 21- Afternoon classroom Christmas Party.

December 22- January 2- Christmas Break

Reminders

Please bring in your donation items of hats, gloves, socks, or underwear by Monday if you would like to participate in our collection for Granville Lutheran. There will be no Spelling or memory next week.

Spelling/Phonics

This week we continued to focus on beginning blends. We sorted our words by what beginning blend they started with. Students discovered the words either started with gl-, bl-, pl-, or sl-. We discussed which words were nouns and which were action words (verbs).

Spelling city has been a great addition to our spelling/phonics time, if you haven't had a chance to check it out yet please do so! The link is spellingcity.org/rjung23.

Workshops/Grammar

Our Grammar focus this week was on the use of commas. We looked at using commas to write a list and to write compound sentences. We will continue to touch on this throughout the year, as it is a tricky skill to master.

During workshop time this week we worked as a whole group. Monday we did our chromebooks and word work. On Tuesday we played a game making Christmas plural nouns and recording them. Wednesday we worked together on using commas and wrote compound sentences together.

Religion

This week we continued to hear about different people in our advent story. We talked about the journey Mary and Joseph took from Nazareth to Bethlehem. We learned that they had a long and hard journey and had to trust in God for their safety. We heard about our virtue of the month generosity and brainstormed ways that we can show generosity to others. Our list was very long and we talked about how people in our own community need help in many ways and it's very easy for us to be generous with our time and the things that we have!

Christmas Fun Day- Friday!

Friday we had a great opportunity to celebrate and share Christmas joy! In the morning we heard a Christmas story, made candy canes and cards, and had a Christmas cookie with our buddies. After that we rode a bus to a nearby nursing home and gave our cards and candy cane crafts to the residents. We were also able to spend some time talking to them and getting to know them. One friend there is 105 years old!! We sang all of our songs from our Christmas program and it was a wonderful blessing to bring that joy and message to the residents!

Science/Social Studies

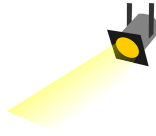
Everyone has been having such a great time visiting and learning about Christmas around the world! This week we ventured to France, where we saw the Eiffel Tower and tasted a yule log cake. In Sweden we had hot cocoa and cinnamon rolls plus talked about The Tomte (Christmas Gnome). We ended our travels this week in England where students made Christmas crackers and Christmas cards. They discovered that 5 weeks before Christmas English people make Christmas desserts on a day called Stir-up Sunday. Some of the favorite desserts that are made are Mince pie, plum pudding and Christmas cake.

Math

We had another busy week in math. We started the week practicing adding 10 to a multiple. Students learned how to play a new math game called making ten, have them show you how to play at home, all you need is a deck of cards with Aces to 9's. We also discussed what a pair is and how things that come in pairs include socks, gloves, and shoes. Using dimes and pennies to help us we identified tens and ones, for example in the number 64 we talked about how there are 6 tens and 4 ones. To end the week we practiced dividing a whole into $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{8}$ by using graham crackers.

This Week's Spotlights

Virtue: Generosity
Author: Tomie dePoala
Student: Micah



Important Links

First Grade Class Website:

www.gracefirstgrade.weebly.com

School Sycamore Site

<https://app.sycamoreeducation.com/index.php?schoolid=3020>

