

**Mrs. Jung \* Mrs. Schneider**  
**First Grade Newsletter**  
**December 2, 2016**



**Upcoming Events**

**December 14- Christmas Program 6:30pm at the Crossview Way campus!!!**

**December 22- January 2- Christmas Break**

**Reminders**

We are collecting toys for the KAPCO toy drive. Consider spreading generosity by donating a new toy item. We have a collection box in our classroom

**Spelling/Phonics**

This week we reviewed our blends pr-, cr-, tr-, br- and gr-. Students sorted the words by what blend they started with. Students learned a new game called from Snow to Warm to help practice creating words with blends. We also practiced writing our words in a sentence. Students were introduced to spelling city this week. Every Friday I will put the following weeks spelling words on spelling city. A letter was sent home Tuesday on how to use spelling city, make sure to give it a try!

**Workshops/Grammar**

Workshop time this week we practiced writing our thinking as we read as well as worked on being able to recall important parts of a story. Word work this week was illustrate your words and graph-a-word. For grammar we reviewed nouns and verbs. Students got to pick a card and if it was a verb they got to act out the word for the rest of us to guess which verb they had. We also reviewed nouns and verbs by playing interactive games on the smart-board.

**Religion**

In our Religion books we read about the Twelve Spies. We talked about how God blessed His people with a promised land and cares for our every need, despite obstacles that may be in our way. We also read Israel Crosses the Jordan and talked about how God promises to watch over and lead us; He is with us always, even sending His Son to dwell among us. We also began our Advent storybooks. We hear a little piece of the Christmas story as we prepare for Christmas.

**Music**

We are in full swing practicing for our Christmas Program "Let's Dress up for Christmas". Each child has their own speaking part- thank you for your help in memorizing this. We will practicing our singing and speaking parts 2 or 3 times per week until our program on December 14th. Mrs. Young and Mr. Cahill do a wonderful job directing this and we are loving the catchy Christmas songs- have you heard any of these at home?!

**Science/Social Studies**

This week we kicked off our Holidays Around the World Unit. Students filled out a passport application and created their own passport. This week we discussed our own Christmas traditions. Next week we will travel across the world to learn about different Christmas traditions from Mexico, Italy and France!

**Math**

In Math this week we practiced writing addition and subtraction fact families. We also were introduced to Xtra Math, an on-line math program to help reinforce math skills being taught in the classroom. A letter was sent home Thursday explaining how to access this program at home. We also practiced our addition facts with sums of 8 and 9. We took an assessment on the last five lessons today!

**This Week's Spotlights**

Virtue: Generosity  
Artist: Leonardo daVinci  
Author: Lois Ehlert  
Song: The Perfect Ten



**Important Links**

First Grade Class Website:  
[www.gracefirstgrade.weebly.com](http://www.gracefirstgrade.weebly.com)  
School Sycamore Site  
<https://app.sycamoreeducation.com/index.php?schoolid=3020>

