

Mrs. Jung * Mrs. Schneider
First Grade Newsletter
December 9, 2016



Upcoming Events

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

December 21- Afternoon classroom Christmas Party.

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

We will be collecting new hats, gloves, socks and underwear for the 4k-2nd grade students of Granville Lutheran School this year. This will take the place of our traditional \$5 classroom exchange, we are excited to focus on giving rather than receiving this year!

Spelling/Phonics

This week students were introduced to beginning L blends. Our words started with either bl-, cl- or fl. We sorted our words into which blend they started with. We practiced which words were nouns and which were adjectives. We learned an adjective is a describing word. Students did very well on our weekly spelling test this week.

Reminder don't forget to check out spelling city. Each week I will post the weekly spelling words the Friday before and students can play games, take a test and practice using the spelling city program. Our link is spellingcity.org/rjung23.

Workshops/Grammar

We all had a chance to read together and independently in reading groups this week. We talked about recall and being able to read a story and then tell the information we heard through our writing and discussion. Bella's Grandma came for a special treat and shared some stories with us. She told us about different types of books and how it's kind of like picking different ice cream, different people like different kinds! She also read to us a fun story about tiger and some Shel Silverstein poems.

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!

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 be 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

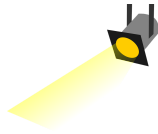
This week we traveled to three different countries. Our first country we visited was Mexico, we read the legend of the poinsettia and even created our own poinsettia. We talked about Las Posadas and created our own Nativity scene. We also traveled to France where we saw what the Eiffel Tower looks like around Christmas time and tried a yule log snack. The last country we visited this week was Italy where we read about Old Befana. We are having a lot of fun learning about Christmas celebrations around the world!

Math

We had a busy week in Math. We created a bar graph on what times we wake up for school each morning. We found out most of us wake about 6:30 or 7:00 in the morning. We practiced creating tally marks and counting by 5's by flipping a coin and tallying how many times it landed tails up and how many times it landed heads up. Students learned how to identify horizontal, vertical and oblique lines. We also revisited our fractions and worked on dividing a whole into $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{8}$. We finished the week practicing our addition facts with sums of 10.

This Week's Spotlights

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



Important Links

First Grade Class Website:

www.gracefirstgrade.weebly.com

School Sycamore Site

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