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Friday Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates:

- 12/18 - Polar Express Classroom Event (12:30-3:00)
- 12/19 - Reader's Theater Nativity Story, Performance Hall (10:00am)

Announcements:

We are looking forward to celebrating the Christmas season with our students on Monday, December 18th at our Polar Express party! If you are able to donate some of the items needed or assist with the event (setup/during/cleaning), please sign up [here](#). We are also collecting donations to purchase the decorations. If you are interested in contributing a few dollars, please Venmo Mary Ellen Quinn @Meltag1763 (last 4 digits of cell are 5040). Please indicate in the Venmo description that this is for the 1&2 grade Christmas party (to prevent tax collection). We also welcome any decorations or costumes that you might be able to lend to fit the theme (train conductor, Santa, elves, waiters, north pole, etc.) - just let us know what you have!

Please know that we will be going outside even in the very cold winter months. Our girls can wear navy tights or capris to keep them warm outside. Of course, pants and polos are also a good option. Bare skin on frigid days is a concern. Please help us by helping your child on days they wear a jumper. Thank you!

Even though the weather is turning colder, we will continue to get the students outside for recess as often as possible. Please make sure your child has the outerwear needed so that they can participate in recess. Below are the guidelines we follow:

- Students should stay inside if the wind-chill factor is below 25°F.

- If the wind-chill is in the 30s, students should have a coat (not a sweatshirt) and it should be encouraged that their heads are covered (hat or cinched coat/sweatshirt hood).
- If the wind-chill is in the 40s, students should at least have a sweatshirt on.
- **Students who do not have the proper outerwear will sit in the front office for recess.**

Social Studies

This week we finished our short journey around the world to see how other countries traditionally celebrate the winter holidays. We visited the USA, Mexico, Italy and Sweden.

Math

This week we finished our unit on subtraction. When we return from break we will begin our unit on place value.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Reading

This week we read *The Animals Santa* and practiced analyzing illustrations to discover important details from the story. Next week we will finish our work on *The Animals Santa*.

Writing/ Grammar

This week we learned about plural and singular nouns. We learned that a plural noun names more than one person, place or thing and that singular nouns names just one person, place or thing. Next week we will continue with plural and singular nouns.

Theology

In Theology, we continued reading accounts from the Old Testament and decorating our Jesse Tree with the ornaments we created to represent them. We, also, "lit" the second candle on our salt dough advent wreaths.

Science

We focused on social studies this week.

Other Information

Colder Weather is here!

Please make sure that your child brings something warm and long sleeve to school each day (e.g., jacket, sweatshirt, sweater). We will continue to go outside, weather permitting, for recess, lunch, and snack as much as we can.

Winter Dress

This means we are no longer wearing shorts and ankle socks. Girls must also be in navy knee highs, navy leggings, or navy tights. Please have your child try on their uniform pants to make sure that they fit, and place orders soon, as FlynnO'Hara has been running into distribution and

shipping delays.

Snack (8:45/9:00)/ Lunch (11:50)

Please include a snack with your child's lunch everyday along with a filled spill proof water bottle. Please be mindful of the food that you are packing. Our first grade classrooms are nut free, so double check labels. Nuts are okay to bring into the cafeteria for lunch time this year!

Specials Schedule

Monday - Art and Music Tuesday - Library & Mass Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday-Library Friday - Music

Dress Uniform

Boys - Blue pants, white dress shirt, CCS tie/bowtie, black school shoes, and blue or black socks
NO white.

Girls- Plaid jumper, solid dark shorts underneath, white peter pan collared shirt, navy knee socks NO white or black knee socks, and black school shoes.

Homework (M-TH)

Math- No homework

Reading- Read for 15 min./night. Please record the title of the book that was read each night. FOR FUN! Reading Advent calendar :) See how many you can complete.

ELA- No homework

Religion- Practice Hail Mary Prayer