



Dear Parents,

Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Advent program on Tuesday evening. We are certain you are proud, as are we, of our 4<sup>th</sup> graders and their ability to share one of their many talents with us during this special time of year.

**Reminders:**

- Report Cards will be coming home with your child tomorrow. Please sign and return the empty envelope with your child as soon as possible.
- Kris Kringle Gift Exchange: Students are asked to bring a wrapped gift, suitable for either boy or girl, no later than Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Gifts should not exceed a \$5.00 value.
- We are asking that all students bring in a container of bleach-free disinfectant wipes to help keep our room free of germs. Thank you for your help with this effort!
- 'Tis the season to restock glue sticks, pencils, red pens, etc. Many of our students are in need of these items. Please check with your child to see what school supplies they need.
- Monthly Reading Logs: Please be sure that your child is recording their reading time in *minutes* read each day. Thank you for remembering to sign and turn in promptly at the end of each month.
- In November, students received information sheets about the Timberwolves Read to Achieve program. Any child who participates need to read at least 500 pages and turn in their Starting Five Reading Card to Mrs. Koenning by January 6. Participants will receive a T-wolves prize package.

**A peek at our classes:**

**Reading:** The unit 2 reading test was given today in class. Please watch for these to come home for a signature early next week.

**Religion:** Our focus in religion this past two weeks has been reflecting on the rosary. Through prayer, meditations, and drawings, students are being given the opportunity to be with Jesus, sit beside Him, and listen to His story. We have also spent time focusing on the season of Advent and the Christmas symbols that show us that Jesus is present in our lives.

**Language:** We are nearing the end of Unit 2 Nouns. **The test is scheduled for Tuesday of next week.** We will spend time reviewing in class for this assessment. Unit 3 focuses on several types of verbs as well as proper subject-verb agreement within the context of a sentence.

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**Science:** We are learning about the ocean floor, its features and how the floor of the ocean forms. The test for this unit will not be until after the Christmas break, but any reviewing of the vocabulary and concepts from this chapter would be very beneficial. *Did you know that Earth's tallest mountain is on the ocean floor?*

**Social Studies:** This week and next, we will focus on timelines and the difference between a market and a command economy. Students will create their own personal timelines, so expect them to ask you about important events in their lives. We will also study the locations of the states and capitals of the Eastern region. Reviewing the eleven states and their capitals over the break would be very helpful. There will be a Chapter 3 test after Christmas break. Watch for the date in your child's planner.

**Math (Rustin) (Lehman):** Please sign and return the Chapter 3 Test as soon as this comes home with your child. In Chapter 4 we will study about time, reading and making graphs, as well as summarizing data using median, mode, range and surveys. In Accelerated Math this trimester, students in Mrs. Lehman's math class will be expected to complete one packet per week, for a total of 10 packets. 50% or 5 of the packets must receive a score of 80% or better.

**Math (Thomas):** We have finished Chapter 6 on basic geometry. We will continue to study geometry to become familiar with the concepts necessary to complete the take-home task due January 3rd. Please ask your child about this project. We will also have a **cumulative test** on the concepts covered in Chapters 1-6 of our textbook. Care will be taken to review those things that are emphasized on the 5<sup>th</sup> grade MCAIII test pre-view. After Christmas break we will begin Chapter 7 – Fractions. Students will have the opportunity to work on more advanced objectives in Accelerated Math this trimester. Students will still be expected to complete at least one Accelerated Math paper per week.

May the peace of the season be with you and yours,

Mrs. Rustin & Mrs. Lehman

