

## SCCS FOURTH GRADE NEWS

Dear Parents,

December 1, 2011

Students began the Season of Advent with Reconciliation on Tuesday and Mass on Wednesday using the new Roman Missal. We'd like to update you about upcoming events and ask for your help. We'll return to our normal newsletter format with our next newsletter. Please continue to check your child's planner for assignments.

**Junior Great Books:** Can you volunteer one morning a week before school to meet with students to discuss short stories they have read? The program runs from January to mid-March. If you are able to help and/or your child is planning on participating, complete and send in the form found online in the FYI.

**Chapter Books:** Each student needs to have a chapter book in his/her desk at all times. Let's encourage reading! December Book Logs were given out Monday. The 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester "Sandwich Book Report" is due February 13, 2012. Information will be handed out in class before Christmas break.

**Personal hygiene:** Gym, recess and maturing young bodies! Both girls and boys need to take daily showers and use deodorant.

**Does your child know whether to get a ride or take the bus?** If there is a change from your normal schedule, please write a note. It truly makes us nervous when we try to reach you at 3:30 p.m. because your child suddenly doesn't remember what to do.

**Early dismissals:** If your child needs to be excused early from school, please contact the office. The office will issue an early dismissal slip and get it to us. This helps our office and teachers keep track of students' comings and goings. It disrupts our learning environment when a child is called away from classes without any notice.

**Scholastic Book Orders:** Mrs. Rustin can still take book orders tomorrow, Friday. Let us know if your order is a Christmas gift. Mrs. Rustin will be happy to call you when the books arrive.

**Kris Kringle:** This year students will exchange one gift just before Christmas break. Students should purchase and wrap a gift that costs no more than \$5.00. The present should be suitable for a boy or a girl. Students can bring wrapped gifts to school by Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Kind and thoughtful deeds to others will be encouraged throughout the Advent Season.

**Wish Tree:** Thank you for taking a look at our Wish Trees. These items and supplies help us throughout the remainder of the school year.

**Advent Program:** Students perform "Christ, Our Light" on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Our classrooms will open at 6:15 p.m. for the students. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. in the church.

God's blessings from your 4<sup>th</sup> Grade teachers - Mrs. Rustin & Mrs. Lehman