



Notes from December 2016



In Pre-S we...

- invited our parents to our Christmas party and sang songs.
- made Christmas tree puppets, Santa hats, and decorated a Gingerbread house.
- went to Barton Place to sing Christmas carols.



In Pre-K we...



- sang songs and read stories about Advent and preparing for Jesus' Birthday.
- read a variety of gingerbread stories, decorated gingerbread men and had to hunt for a gingerbread man that ran away!
- had our parents in to show them what we had been learning in class and made a craft together.
- celebrated Rudolph Day with crafts, snacks, and the story and movie!



In Kindergarten we...

- enjoyed learning about Advent.
- looked forward to adding something to our Nativity feltboard every day.
- liked going to see the performance of *The Nutcracker* at the Capitol Theatre.

In First Grade we...



- read stories and found the main topic and key details, and character, the setting, and events.
- used strategies to add numbers up to 20.
- went to the Capitol Theatre to see the performance of *The Nutcracker*.



In Second Grade we...

- read stories and found the main topic and key details, and discussed author's purpose.
- added two digit numbers with regrouping.
- went to see the performance of *The Nutcracker*.



In Third & Fourth Grade we...



- learned about *The Nutcracker* and went to the performance at the Capitol Theatre.
- made ornaments for the school Christmas trees.
- celebrated Graycie's 1st birthday with a party.
- learned about the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and went to Mass at St. Paul's.
- enjoyed gold chocolate coins and candy canes in their "shoes" on St. Nicholas Day.



In Fifth Grade we...

- watched the movie *Holes* and compared it to the book, discovering that the book has many more details!
- learned how to divide 2, 3, and 4 digit numbers that included remainders.
- practiced hard for our Christmas concert and play!

After School Care News...



- The students helped decorate for Christmas and made ornaments for the tree.
- Students read *The Night Before Christmas* and *Santa's Sled*.
- Zachary read *Snow Plow* to the students.



Art Creations

- PS and PK students made candy cane ornaments with beads and festive gingerbread girls and boys.
- Students enjoyed making different Christmas themed projects such as trees, presents, etc. They are displayed in the hallways.



What's Kicking With Coach

- Had scooter races
- Started a basketball unit
- Ran relay races

Library

Students read the following stories:

- *Santa's Noisy Night*
- *Nicky's Christmas Surprise*
- *Christmas Mice*

Technology Tidbits

- Finishing up the unit on computer programming utilizing code.org (Kindergarten through 5th grade).
- Pre-School/Pre-K utilized the website nickjr.com for matching letters, colors, and shapes.



Spanish News

- The students learned about the Immaculate Conception and how it is a great holiday in Latin culture, celebrated as day of little candles.
- Virgin of Guadalupe - the students learned the history of la virgen de Guadalupe, why it is so important in the Latin culture and how to celebrate this day (December 12th).
- PS-1st grade learned the numbers 1 to 10 in Spanish.
- 3rd-5th grade learned the numbers 1 to 200 in Spanish and played bingo, as well as learned and practiced the prayer Our Father - Padre Nuestro in Spanish.

Vocal Music

- The students have been preparing with great anticipation for the coming of Christ in history, mystery and majesty by practicing songs for the Christmas Pageant.
- Pre-School & Pre-K are singing happy jingles about Santa and sacred carols, too.
- Kindergarten, First, & Second Grade have been making a 'joyful noise' unto the Lord with voices, bells, and drum.
- Third thru Fifth have begun to play instruments in ensemble, and integrate songs and acting in a play.



Extra, Extra!

- Our share of profits (50%)from the RCS/Strough Christmas Craft Bazaar was \$2,572.74
- Look for the January Home and School Connection Newsletter!
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! See you on the 3rd!!

January Upcoming Events

- 6th: Epiphany Mass
- 16th: No School - Martin Luther King Day
- 29th- 31st: Catholic Schools Week
- 29th: Open House and Pancake Breakfast

