



## Notes from December 2017



### In Pre-K 3 we...

- had a special Prayer Service with St. Nicholas.
- went on a field trip to Rome Cinemas to watch The Star movie.
- made stocking crafts, Christmas globes, and other Christmas crafts.
- enjoyed time with our families at our Christmas party and school-wide Christmas celebration.

### In Pre-K 4 we...



- enjoyed Rudolph Day and Grinch Day activities.
- learned about Christmas traditions.
- learned about Jesus and the Nativity.
- prepared our hearts for the birth of Jesus through Advent activities.
- made Gingerbread Men and went on a Gingerbread hunt.
- learned how the mail system works by exchanging Christmas cards with PK 4-1 and PK 4-2 friends.



### In Kindergarten we...

- learned about Advent.
- read many new words.
- are continuing to learn about numbers.
- celebrated Christmas with a classroom party and watched The Polar Express.

### In First & Second Grade we...



In first grade we:

- read stories and discussed characters, setting, events, main topic, and details.
- learned about related facts and fact families.
- learned about Advent.

In second grade we:

- read stories and discussed the main topic and details.
- learned strategies to add two digit numbers.
- learned about Advent.



### In Third & Fourth Grade we...

- learned about the season of Advent.
- had Bible lessons with Fr. Kennedy.
- read informational text about historical events.
- continued to learn strategies to solve multi-step multiplication problems.
- made ornaments for the three trees in the school.

### In Fifth & Sixth Grade we...



- enjoyed watching our classroom Elf, Chip, move around the room and leave us treats.
- went to the movies to see "The Star" to enhance the true meaning of Christmas.
- read daily Advent prayers.
- continued to read the novel "A Wrinkle in Time."



### Art Creations

- PK: Made Rudolph and Santa wreaths, beaded candy canes, and teddy bear stockings.
- K: Made elves, big Christmas trees, and a Nativity scene.
- 1-2: Designed mosaic candles, made angels, St. Nicholas, and decorated a tree picture.
- 3-4: Created cellophane window decorations, made 'Peace on Earth' mural with reindeer, and clay ornaments.
- 5-6: Made ojos de Dios, clay ornaments, and embossed copper ornaments.

### Library



- Pre-K- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Read Christmas stories, as well as, colored and created drawings that correspond with the plot.
- 3-4: Worked on their own creative Christmas stories.
- 5-6: Learned new vocabulary as they continued to read "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" by C.S. Lewis.

## News from After School Care

- We read several books about Christmas and Santa.
- We decorated pinecones.
- We recycled old Christmas cards by making them into a tree.
- Colored Christmas coloring pages.



### Spanish News

- PK-6: Are learning clothing vocabulary (*la Ropa*). Students learned such words as: *vestido* (dress), *pantalones* (pants), *blusa* (blouse), *falda* (skirt), *abrigo* (coat), *lentes para sol* (sunglasses).
- K: learned about our Lady of Guadalupe.
- 5 & 6: learned the meaning of the question *Comprenden?* (Do you understand?). They also learned forms of Spanish speaking communications, like *abran* (open), *cierren* (close), "Hasta pronto!" Means good bye, *perdoneme* (pardon me), etc.

### What's Kicking With Coach

- PK: Worked on their locomotive skills and are using those skills to play games.
- K-2: Practiced their locomotive skills and are getting ready for their Throwing and Catching unit.
- 3-6: Finished up their Alternative Games unit and are excited to start their Basketball unit.

### Vocal Music

- The Pre-K practiced singing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town." Both songs have singing and movement parts.
- Grades K-6 practiced "Feliz Navidad," "The Little Drummer Boy," "Our Savior Sleeps Tonight," and "Silent Night."
- The band worked on "Jingle Bells" and "Good King Wenceslas." The ukuleles practiced "The Dreidel Song."
- Everyone did a wonderful job at their Christmas Concert that was held on December 21<sup>st</sup>!



### Extra, Extra!

- Look for the January Home and School Connection Newsletter!
- We raised almost \$4,600 at our Christmas Craft Fair. Thank you to the Sexton Family who won the 50/50 and donated their share back to RCS!
- We raised \$143.24 from our "Ugly Sweater" Spirit Day which will be donated to the Rome Rescue Mission.



### January Upcoming Events

January 1: No School New Year's Day  
January 15: No School Martin Luther King Day  
January 29 - February 2: Catholic Schools Week

