



In Pre-K 3 we...

- enjoyed cookies and hot cocoa on Polar Express day!
- made many Christmas crafts.
- practiced many Christmas songs and had a Christmas party!
- practiced and performed in our first Christmas Pageant!
- read many stories including: *Mary's Baby*, *The Polar Express*, *Santa's Underwear*, *How to Catch Santa*, and *Five Busy Elves*.

In Pre-K 4 we...

- worked on Gingerbread patterns, matching, and counting.
- worked on new words in the writing center.
- practiced our counting by creating a Santa Beard Countdown to Christmas.
- had a Grinch day and a Rudolph day.
- made reindeer paintings with sponges.
- completed a Christmas tree craft and writing.

In Kindergarten we...

- enjoyed learning about Advent.
- have been writing simple sentences by themselves.
- are adding numbers to 10.
- enjoyed going to see the Nutcracker.



In First & Second Grade we...

In first grade we:

- read stories and discussed characters, setting, and plot.
- learned about contractions.
- practiced subtraction skills.

In second grade we:

- read stories and found the author's purpose and plot.
- learned about contractions.
- started double digit addition with regrouping.
- Both classes learned about the season of Advent and got ready for Christmas.

In Third & Fourth Grade we...

- prepared and helped set up for our Christmas Mass.
- classified different kinds of plants and animals.
- used Venn diagrams to compare/contrast animals.
- learned different strategies for solving multiplication problems.

In Fifth & Sixth Grade we...

- helped decorate the school with Christmas trees.
- finished reading *Holes* and worked hard on book reports.
- 5th Grade: finished up their tribe slide show
- 6th grade: finished up their pharaoh slide show.
- learned about the different parts of plant cells and animal cells.

Art Creations

All classes were busy creating the following items:


- PK: Beaded candy canes and Santa paper plate wreaths.
- K: Elves, foam Santa frames, decorated paper trees, and made a nativity scene.
- 1/2: Wood frames and pictures, tree paintings with glitter, macaroni ornaments, and stand-up trees.
- 3/4: Clay ornaments, popsicle stick nativity ornament, and 3-D paper ornaments.
- 5/6: Beaded candy canes, fabric mini stockings, copper 'engraved' ornaments, and 60's inspired cards.

Library

- The library is complete.
- Now begins the organizing of the books, to make searching even easier.
- The library would like to thank students, faculty, and parents for their continued support during this time.
- As always, stories are being read and imaginations are growing.
- After Christmas break the library will have a new name.....stay tuned!

Mrs. Mack met with each class to teach our students how they can remain healthy and prevent the spread of germs. This includes washing our hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and covering our mouths and noses when we cough or sneeze. Please help us reinforce these healthy habits with the children.



 Spanish News

During all Spanish classes students were able to learn the following:

- PK: learned the meaning of transportation and vocabulary of Christmas traditions in Spanish.
- K - 2: learned family member's and pet's names in Spanish, and all about Navidad.
- 3 - 4: learned that twins are named gemela or gemelo in Spanish, they did activities with the family members, and learned vocabulary from around the house, and learned about Navidad.
- 5 - 6: learned prepositions in Spanish and wrote sentences using them, and learned verbs such as daily routines in Spanish.

FELIZ NAVIDAD!!

What's Kicking with Coach? 

- PK - 2: are continuing to work on their locomotor skills. The current unit is throwing and catching skills.
- 3 - 6: are currently in their indoor recreation games unit. The emphasis is on volleying skills and bowling. After vacation, students will review manual score keeping for bowling and we will be having class bowling tournaments.


Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!



News from After School Care

- Read and discussed several books about Christmas and traditions.
- Made crafts that included using empty jars and pine cones to make a Christmas tree and decorated Christmas cards.

On days when there is an early dismissal or after school activities are cancelled due to weather, After School Care will not be provided. We ask all families that use After School Care to please have a contingency plan in place for such occasions.

Vocal Music 

- We went over how to learn and read songs from sheet music.
- Studied the timbre of different instruments.
- Prepared and rehearsed carols for the Christmas Pageant. May your family enjoy singing carols together and have a blessed Christmas.



Extra, Extra!

- Congratulations to the Blackburn and Coleman Families for selling the most items for the Mixed Bag Media Fundraiser. The Annarino Family won the random drawing.
- The Christmas Pageant was well attended and a heartwarming reminder of what Christmas is all about. Congratulations to the students for their hard work.



January Upcoming Events 

- Jan. 21st: No School - Martin Luther King Day
- Jan. 27th: Catholic Schools Week Open House and All You Can Eat Breakfast.
- Jan. 27 - Feb. 1st: Catholic Schools Week - List of Events to follow.

