



Elementary News

*God of all nations and Creator of all peoples, heal all that divides us. Teach us to live together in peace. As our world is one, so our future is one. Give us one heart and one vision. Make us one body in Christ Jesus, and fill us with the joy of your Holy Spirit.
Amen*

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Some Important Information

The elementary lunch menu is not completed at this time. Please check the SA web site at a later date to view and print out the menu.

Last call for Hy-Vee receipts. Round them up and send them in by January 15th.



What's Going on in Our Classrooms

The 4 year old pre-school children learned about making patterns in math. They learned the letters Ff, Gg, Hh, Ii, and Jj. They learned about Advent, and when an angel visited Mary.

In social studies the 1st graders have been learning about Christmas around the world. They are studying place value in math and have written letters to Santa Claus during writers workshop. In science, they are discovering how their 5 senses are used at Christmas time. The children are also continuing to have their weekly Advent prayer service to learn more about the season of Advent.

In math the 2nd graders have been practicing subtraction with regrouping. In religion they have been discussing Advent and preparing for Jesus' birth. The students have been comparing Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, the book, play, and the movie. The children have finished their Christmas alphabet book.

The 3rd graders have finished their studies of the Ten Commandments and are moving to the Rosary in January. They have been busy learning the French alphabet and numbers up to 30. They will be working on writing paragraphs on a French topic. In social studies they learned map skills and communities. They are now creating their own city and drawing a map to go with it. In science, the students are learning about how animals learn to adapt to their environment.

Our Wish List!

****Mrs. Schmitz** is asking for hand sanitizer and non-fiction books.

****Mr. Schaeffer** is requesting books for the classroom library.

****Mrs. Stevens** is asking for Visa-a-Vis wet erase markers.

****Mrs. Rallis** is asking for kleenex and pencils.

The students in 4th grade are working on how to read recipes, follow directions and how to do basic math calculations. In math, the students have been working on a holiday unit. In social studies they are just starting to explore the Southeast Region.

The fifth graders finished a unit on weather. In language arts, the students are doing a unit on nouns. They are doing service projects during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

In 6th grade, the students started a new read aloud book The Kidnappers. They are also working on non-fiction in reading. In math, they are continuing work with fractions. In social studies, they have explored the ancient civilization of the Mayas, Aztecs, and Incas. During our "Advent waiting" each day the 6th graders listened to a different picture book story about the gifts of Jesus Christ and how we share our gifts.

****Mrs. Avalos** is asking for Kleenex, 3x5 lined index cards, band-aids, and an electric pencil sharpener.

****Mrs. Epperson** is asking for an electric pencil sharpener.

Thank You's

A **BIG** thank you to all the families that left wonderful Christmas treats for the Elementary staff to share. We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness. Also, thank you to all the parents who helped with the Christmas parties and brought juice boxes and napkins. Thank you to Kathleen Tague for her help with coordinating the parties.

A special thank you from the 1st graders to Mrs. Evezic for teaching them about Christmas in Germany. Also, thank you from Mrs. Rallis to Eric Matthai, Jacob Rhedin, Jane Henderson, and John and Nancy Kilbride for their classroom donations.

Thank you to the Johans family for the Christmas tree for the school.

Thanks from Mrs. Burgan to William Tallman for the classroom donation.

Mrs. Johnson would like to thank Brianna Kiley and Grace Michael for the classroom donations.

Thank you from all of kindergarten to the families who donated cooking supplies or the treats for the countries unit: King, Froehle, Hunt, Barnes, Bernard, Marar, Gast, Tarbox, Williams, and Orth.

Thank you to Jared Gast, Bailey White, Gracie Springman, and Maddie Skinner for donating items to Mrs. Stevens' classroom.

Thanks from Mrs. Gorman to Joe Liston, Olivia Brungardt, and Jackson Dunning for the classroom donations.

Thank you from Mrs. Marshall to Jennifer Veit and Julianne Friedrichson for being guest readers and bringing treats.

Thanks from Mrs. Schmitz to Blair Heisterkamp, Marc Johnson, Katelyn Otto, Morgan Pattermann, Libby Neal, Carol Marar and Bailey Tague for the classroom donations.

Mrs. McColloch would like to thank Madison Gerjevic for the classroom donation.

Thank you from Mrs. Epperson to Ryan Hughes, Bennett Heisterkamp and Zach Shudak for the classroom donations.

Thank you from Mrs. Versaci to the Kavars' family and Olivia Brungardt for the donations. Thank you to Max and Meg Ross for the gingerbread house.

Congratulations to Suzy McDonald for winning first place in the "Thankful Letter" contest in the Council Bluffs Nonpareil. Suzy wrote about her sister and how thankful she is for her.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 School Resumes	5	6	7	8 No School Professional Dev.	9
10	11 CYC Presentation	12 PSG Meeting @ 6:30 SA Papa Johns Night	13	14	15 2-6 Mass @ 8:45a.m.	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 2-6 Mass @ 8:45a.m. 11:30 a.m. Dis- missal Professional Dev.	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 2-6 Mass @ 8:45a.m.	30
31 Catholic Schools Week Begins Open House 1-3pm						