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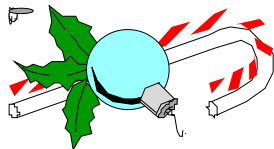
Dear Fourth Grade Parents,

Each morning for two weeks we have been lighting the purple candles on our class Advent wreath, praying for patience and a generous heart to receive Jesus on Christmas. This next week I pray the children will continue to wait with anticipation for the coming of Christmas morning because it is the birth of baby Jesus - the true meaning of Christmas for us all.

Many thanks to the parents who drove to **Mother Joseph Care Center** last Friday. I felt it was a successful field trip as the students expressed a special joy they felt in visiting with the elderly residents. I know the residents enjoyed your children...they always do!

**Report cards** are included in today's Thursday Notes envelopes. The report itself stays home, but the envelope needs to be signed and returned. A comment card is included for any questions or comments you may have for me.

A few weeks back we had a special AR reading party to celebrate the class reaching a total of 500 AR points. Popcorn and a movie made a welcome prize for reaching a reading goal. The students have now reached their second 500-goal mark with a total of over **1,080 points!** I have scheduled another movie party for tomorrow!



Our very own **Christmas program** is in full rehearsal at St. Mike's. Mrs. Newkirk has asked that I let you know about the apparel for the evening production. Students are asked to wear nice holiday clothes that are school appropriate. No jeans or denim, please. Students will wear their uniforms for the midday performance. The evening performance will be next **Thursday, Dec. 17th at 7:00 P.M.** in the gym. Senior citizens have been invited to view the program at 1:00 P.M. that same day after enjoying a delicious luncheon. This is the way our children reach out to those around them with the gift of JOY!!

Next week we are planning on spending some time with our first grade buddies and gifting each of them with a personalized paper stocking. We are also planning to read Christmas picture books to them. Our own little **Christmas party** will take place on **Friday, the 18<sup>th</sup>**, after the 9:00 mass. The fourth grade is planning the liturgy for that mass. Please join us if you are able.

Fondly,

Mrs. Joan Joanis

