



## Third Grade News

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### A Joyous Advent!

Our advent wreath is on our prayer table, the Christmas cards to our families are mostly finished, the parent gifts have been started, and we are rehearsing for the Christmas program. This is a time of waiting. There is so much going on in school during this short month and it will be hard to keep the students from floating through their school days. I will try to keep the students' days as routine as possible for their sake.

### Shhh, we're rehearsing:

Christmas program rehearsal schedule follows. Please schedule appointments around these times:

- Dec. 7, 9, 10, 14, and 15<sup>th</sup> 9:35 – 10:00
- Dec. 16 – time to be determined.

For the afternoon performance: best uniform/blue pants. For the evening performance: Sunday best or dressy Christmas outfits. No jeans please

### A Simple Way to Give:

We have a giving tree in the lobby of the school to benefit the clients of St. Vincent DePaul. The requests are for simple things such as socks, t-shirts, and underwear. Please grab a tag and help us. Do not wrap your donation so it can get to the correct people.

### Giving of our Time and Friendship:

We are planning to spend special time at school with our buddies and our friends this advent season. None of the grades will be participating in Kris Kringle or Secret Santa giving. We are also requesting that students not bring in gifts for their buddies this year.

### Social Studies:

Yes, there is a tipi in our classroom. Our tipi was made by a former grandparent of St. Michael's in

the late '60s or late '70s. Joseph Dupuis, was a Sac and Fox Native Indian. The tipi sets a great mood for our research project as well as the Native American music that I have collected over the years. Our research will be done entirely in class and I am requesting that you do not conduct Internet searches at home. The students are learning to work in cooperative groups to complete their project. This is also great preparation for their sea life research project that they will do next.

### In Spanish:

So far the students have learned colors and the names of the days of the week and of the months from Maestra Lourdes. Now they will begin to learn the Lord's Prayer. The students learn pronunciations much quicker than I do – I am struggling a lot.

### Upcoming Tests:

- ❖ Spelling test 11 – tomorrow, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Spelling review test – Fri., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Lang. Arts Theme 3 test – week of Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>

### Special December events:

- All School Mass – Tomorrow, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>
- St. Nick's day – Tomorrow, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>
- Mass of the Immaculate Conception – Tue., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am
- Reconciliation service – Wed., Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30am
- Christmas Program – Thu., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 and 7:00pm.
- 3rd Grade Christmas party – Fri., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 (approximately).



Blessing this Advent,  
Sandra Needham