

CLASSROOM NEWS

Mrs. Smith's
3rd Grade

week of: Dec. 11th - 15th

IB Attribute of the Month: Communicators

Dear Families,

Thank you for signing up to bring things for our Polar Express party on Thursday. Please bring in your wrapped book by Tuesday. And if you cannot get a book please let me know. The annual Christmas pageant is on Wednesday @6:30 in the church. Students should be at school dressed in their finest holiday attire by 6 in order for you to get a seat in the church. Students will be picked up in the classroom after the show.

I am so blessed to be your child's teacher!
Many blessings to all of you during this Advent season.

Sincerely,

Susan Smith

3rd Grade ELA

Language Arts: We are using the excitement of the Christmas holiday in our writing this week. Last week we wrote an informational paragraph on the history of Christmas trees. We also wrote an opinion paragraph on which kind of tree we think is best. We are also writing about our favorite holiday tradition.

Cursive: We have begun the 3rd set of cursive letters.

Reading: We will be taking a break from "The Case of the Gasping Garbage" until after Christmas break. For the next two weeks, I will be using Christmas books to work on story mapping, characters, writing summaries and comparing and contrasting. We will also use some of our reading time to give the children time to read about their chosen "Extreme Weather" and take notes.

Spelling: No spelling list this week because of the craziness of the week before break with the Christmas pageant practices, family caroling practices, advent prayer services, and classroom parties.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 6 Dec. 13 Christmas Pageant 6:30-7:30

Dec. 14 Homeroom Christmas party and book exchange

Dec. 15 Noon Dismissal/ Free Dress Day Caroling Competition

Jan. 2 First day back from Christmas Break

IB Unit of Inquiry Weather

We have started our new IB unit-**Sharing the Planet**, which looks at our science standards on weather. Our central idea for this unit is *Weather patterns influence the ways we live.*

This week we will be learning about meteorologists and the tools they use to tell weather. The children will be creating a weather station to keep both in the classroom and set up outside. Then they are going to learn about and then research extreme weather and write a weather report about one of the extreme weathers.

Starting next week, they will be rotating through weather centers. At these weather centers they will be learning about clouds, the water cycle, precipitation, floods/lightning, and predicting weather.

A couple of days during ELA, the children will be reading and researching about their chosen "extreme weather" and take notes to use on their weather report.

While the major of the work being done for this unit is in classroom work, we will be using google classroom. The classroom code for this unit is **xfhd101**. If your child has difficulty getting on their Google classroom at home please let me know.

Remember they must be on their St. Luke school google account.

