



Mrs. Amiano & the First graders have been preparing for Christmas by making projects & crafts for their family members as well as the needy in the area. They have discovered, it truly does feel better, to give than to receive. They enjoyed Celebrating Dr. Seuss Day with the kindergarteners & 2nd graders. They made various crafts, came up with ways to make the Grinch happy, made & ate a fun snack & learned about being a faithful unselfish friend like Horton. They were quite excited to travel to Morgantown to see "Seussical" with the whole student body!

"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on the ourselves. The book is called Opportunity & its first chapter is New Year's Day."
~E.L. Pierce

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God bless us, every one! Mrs. Garcia's 7th graders are immersed in Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol"—they also got into the Christmas mood by making a gingerbread house & train in art class. 6th graders are following the adventures at the North Pole in J.R.R. Tolkien's *Father Christmas Letters*, & they are trying their hands at creating their own North Pole mythology & writing their own Father Christmas Letters—and deciphering code letters in the goblin alphabet. 8th graders are gearing up for their research papers with library trips to Marion County Public Library & FSU Library.

According to Mrs. Childers, "all Math classes grades 5-8 are doing a great job working through their books. We are utilizing our time together since we haven't had any snow days. My 5th grade English class just finished their book reports on Movie Maker & they are just wonderful! They learned so many computer skills in the process that maybe someday they can make family home movies for you. But I would like to make a plea for notebook paper & pencils for all of my classes. I have too many kids without these supplies that is has become a distraction. Maybe these can go under the tree? May God bless you & Merry Christmas!
Mrs. Childers

Mrs. Baker & the 2nd Grade had a fabulous time with K & 1st grade on their Seuss Day celebration. They learned about some different Dr. Seuss stories before attending *Seussical* the Musical with the whole school. The class has finished learning how to add & subtract double digit numbers. They will continue to practice those skills, but take a little break & practice telling time & temperature. The temperature reading skills will come in handy with our new unit of study in Science when they study weather & the seasons. Advent has been a wonderful time preparing our hearts & minds for Christmas. The class has learned about being generous with our time, talents, and treasures. In January our Religion class studies will be more focused on the Church.

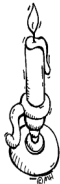


7th & 8th grade religion students watched *The Song of Bernadette* in preparation for their spring pilgrimage, & all students have been faithfully adding to the Advent prayer chain.

Music Notes- Grades 3 & 4 performed a program of Advent music at St. Barbara's Nursing Home on Dec. 16. Grade 6 may present a program of recorder music as the nine-weeks draws to a close. Watch for an announcement! Franchesca Aloji, Amy Frosch & Andrew Davis were the cantors for the all-school Mass on Dec. 8 for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Everyone did a wonderful job with the New Roman Missal prayers and music during the mass!

Mrs. Boyers & our Third Graders have been traveling the world through Christmas legends. The poinsettia-Mexico, holly-Rome & Befana of Italy to name a few. Through the internet site Edheads, students have become good weather reporters & predictors in Science. They learned all their state capitals in Social Studies & now are looking forward to Christmas break. We hope everyone has a blessed & safe holiday!

According to Mrs. Nucilli, "Kindergarten has focused on what the term "advent" means. They have enjoyed lighting a weekly candle on their special advent wreath. We have discussed the Holy Family & their difficult journey to Bethlehem. We learned the song "Silent Night" about the night of Jesus' birth. We even have learned to do the song in sign language! We have spent this month reading about the gingerbread man, girl & baby. We understand characters in stories & know all the different sayings of each character. We have begun a chapter on geometry in math. We also got to have a fun day decorating stockings & making Christmas cards for a boy named Max in the Children's hospital. We look forward to our Holiday Break & then back to work in the new year."



January is a full month for Basketball! Check out the Athletic Calendar online for a full schedule: Boys Grades 4,5,& 6 and Jr. High!



Mrs. Bee says, 4th & 5th grade Religion classes have prepared their hearts & minds for Christmas by adding flames to their Advent Wreaths & writing letters to St. Nicholas explaining how they have changed this season. In English, Students continue to enjoy reading "Dolphin Tale" and practicing their summarizing skills. In Reading, they read "The Houdini Box" about Harry Houdini. Students enjoyed performing magic tricks for their classmates. In Science, students made snowflakes & discussed physical changes in matter. Hats off to the 3rd & 4th graders who performed an Advent Choral Program at St. Barbara's Nursing Home. Everyone have a blessed Christmas!



Mrs. Milnarcik, our Physical Education teacher, says, "As we close out 2011, hopefully all students & staff will return back refreshed & healthy for 2012! K-4 are going to learn how to handle a bad mitten racket as well as a small hand racket for wall ball. Grades 5-8 will be playing their favorite sports such as basketball, lacrosse & volleyball. A date hasn't been chosen yet for 5th & 6th graders to learn the game of Lacrosse. Coach Stingo from WFMS will be coming in January to teach the sport to us. I'm sure everyone will love playing!"

