



Fourth Grade Features Mrs. Hofrichter

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Events and Home- work Due Dates for the next school week:

Monday:

Welcome Back!
Signed Planners
Reading Logs

Wednesday:

Chapel 8:20am

Thursday:

Spelling Pretest 6

Friday:

Memory Quiz
Spelling Test 6
Spelling Points

Please check your child's planner *daily* and *sign it weekly* to see the assignments they need to be doing at home, and if they are missing any work.

P.S. Scholastic book orders will pick back up in January!

“God Bless us, every one!”

...says Tiny Tim in A Christmas Carol, by Charles Dickens. This week we finished reading the story, did some summarizing activities, and watched A Muppet's Christmas Carol on Friday. What a great story, reminding us of gratitude, charity and the joy of the present!

Well, we certainly are blessed. We also finished learning about the Christmas story, and about all the people that believed the prophecies, that heard the good news, and that went to see the newborn King! We also celebrated the 3rd week in advent, Joy! We have been finding reasons to be joyous this season, and ways to spread joy to others.

Besides reading Charles Dickens, we are almost done with our small group novels. We have about one more meeting

each left when we return. Then we will be doing our final responses and projects to wrap things up. Next, we get to read a new story as a class, while learning all sorts of new reading strategies.

Our Christmas stories are done! Whew! We have worked hard on these, learning new revising techniques, editing and publishing with illustrations. We have put all of the stories together in one binder, to create a compilation for our class library!

We finished our unit on decimals and took our unit 4 test. We had a great time reviewing and reflecting on the new strategies we've learned. We also had another division mad minute. We have been keeping track of our scores on a line graph, so we can see our progress! Our next unit (5) is

Big Numbers, Estimation & Computation. (See the Family Letter in the green folder.)

We have just about wrapped up our weather unit. We made a trip to the computer lab and used the smart board for an interactive sorting lesson with hurricanes and tornadoes. We also played a review game, going over all the fun facts we've learned about weather.

We have been researching for and working on our Lewis & Clark timeline projects. We have all the information we need, now we are just working on the final product. Next, we will be studying Mountain Men and the fur trade.

Merry Christmas



In Joy!



Thank you all who came, helped and enjoyed our Christmas party! We had a spectacular time!

These are the mo-

ments we remember, amidst all the chaos, the moments with friends and family.

The moments of laughter, joy and sharing.

This Christmas, may you enjoy everything, and may everything you do, be *in Joy!*

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Christmas, children, is not a date-
It's a state of mind.

-Mary Ellen Chase

And you will have joy and glad-
ness, and many will rejoice at his
birth.

-Luke 1:14

Christmas Break Homework

Being away for two whole weeks *can* make us super rusty. However, we won't *let* this vacation stop our learning! That's where the homework packet comes in. You will have Bible verse to find, a story to write, a reading log, and some math pages. Hopefully, when you return, you will also have been practicing your math facts. We don't want to lose any of the goodies that we've gained this year! This packet is due the Monday we return.

Also in your green folder, is the homework for the week we return. It is there if you'd like to get a head start. Otherwise, it'll be due like usual, on Friday (1/8/10) of the week we return.

Thank you, and enjoy celebrating our Savior's birth!

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