

Here's What's Been Going on in 1S! Week of November 26-30, 2018

Religion

A good amount of time was spent on our Second Step lessons this past week. Students learned about showing care and concern for others (compassion) and how to recognize their own feelings.

The Sunday Gospel reading was shared and the Catholic Church's season of Advent introduced.

Math

Subtraction strategies are being practiced. I encourage you to practice mastering subtraction skills to 20 with your students. It will make their progress into second grade so much easier if they know their facts well.

Language Arts

Sequence of events was the **reading** comprehension skills practiced again this week. Students worked on using the skills in different texts, as well as connecting it to their own life as they began working on a timeline.

The letter d was practiced in **Handwriting**.

Informative **writing** is being practiced as the students are working on a writing piece about an animal of interest.

The concept of different kinds of sentences, with a focus on statements, was practiced in **English/Grammar**.

Social Studies

Patriotic symbols were discussed this past week. Students also spent time problem solving on how they could work together more while forming and walking in a line. We are working on keeping our hands and feet to ourselves and walking quietly in line.

Science

Students were introduced to basic research as they worked to look through books in an effort to find important information about an animal of their choice. Students worked to fill out a graphic organizer and are now connecting it to their writing as they begin drafting a writing piece.

Art

Students made countdown to Christmas chains which will be sent home next week. They have also been taking turns painting a reindeer for our December bulletin board display. Ornaments for an upcoming Jesse tree were also created.

Avtar was our Student of the Week!

Items Needed!

Many thanks to those of you who have generously donated to the classroom Gala basket! We appreciate your support so much! **If you have not yet donated to the 1S Gala basket, please consider doing so as soon as possible.** Every person donating a little bit can make a huge difference in our fundraising effort. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Elkins or Mary Jones. Thank you!

Also, thank you to the many of you who have kindly brought in adult size shoe boxes! We are almost to our goal of having enough for each child. If you have any laying around, we would be happy to make good use of them. Again, thank you to all of you who have already donated!

Advent Service Project

Valley Catholic is inviting you to participate in an Advent Service project benefitting the organization "Family Promise." This organization works to provide shelter for homeless families and helps them get back on their feet. They have limited storage availability and so are primarily looking for gift card donations, particularly to stores like Fred Meyer, Safeway and Target. We will begin accepting donations on Monday. As I learn more about the specifics about the project I will certainly pass them along. Thank you for considering spreading kindness with those less fortunate this holiday season!

St. Nicholas Day!

The feast of St. Nick, the original Santa Claus, is celebrated in the Church on December 6th. A tradition on St. Nicholas's feast day is for children to leave a shoe outside of their bedroom door the eve of his feast, allowing the shoe to be filled with a treat overnight for the children to delight in when they wake up. Valley Catholic would like to invite you to participate in their own version of this. I would love it if you could send an extra shoe (any kind will do) to school with your child on Wednesday, December 5th. I plan to ask the students to place their shoes outside of our classroom that afternoon so that St. Nick might be able to visit and leave a special surprise for them to find on Thursday morning. The shoe would return home that afternoon. Thank you, in advance, for helping to make this a memorable day for your child. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Mark Your Calendars!

The **Christmas Program** is coming up on the evening of December 17th at 7 PM. I look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with all of you as we listen to your children sing!

1S's Prayer Service has been set for Wednesday, January 16th at 9:35 in the Convent Chapel! Students took a survey today to see who might be interested in being a speaker. All students will have a part of some kind. Please spread the word to extended family and friends. We would LOVE to have any and all of you join us if you are able! More details about the Prayer Service will come home as the date approaches. I just wanted to give you a chance in advance to put it on your calendar.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone! Happy December! May your holiday season be blessed with moments of great joy despite the busyness of it all. See you soon!