

## Here's What's Been Going on in 1S! Week of December 10-14, 2018

### Religion

Advent has continued as our theme. Students continue to learn more about the Jesse Tree through various Old Testament stories about Jesus' lineage. This past week they learned about Joseph, Moses, the Israelites, Joshua, Gideon, Samson, and Ruth. These various stories are showing how God has taken care of His people over time.

The feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe was celebrated through a prayer service, story, and a short video about her appearance to Juan Diego.

Students worked to be Faith Witnesses, Effective Communicators, Life-long Learners and Responsible Citizens through reading to the preschoolers at the Early Learning School. Many thanks to all of you who helped to make that happen!

Christmas gifts for all of you have also been worked on during our Religion and Art class times.

### Math

Students wrapped up their study of subtraction strategies this past week. The concept of skip counting was also practiced. Students reviewed the skip counting from kindergarten (2s, 5s and 10s) and were challenged to skip count in new ways, such as by 3s and 4s. The connection between skip counting and multiplication was introduced as a challenge.

### Language Arts

The theme in our **Reading** series was friendship this past week. Students read stories revolving around this theme and again practiced the comprehension skill of story structure, this time being introduced to plot.

Science and **writing** again intersected with students working to complete their proud copy of their animal writing.

Various Christmas related stories have been shared as well.

### **Social Studies**

Students began sharing their cultural holidays with the class and will continue into next week.

### **Science**

As mentioned earlier, students worked on their proud copy of their animal writing, which should be completed next week. They also worked on a habitat project.

### **Art**

The Christmas gift for all of you has been the focus.

Students also created Christmas light window decorations which are on display in the classroom.

### **Kiran was our Student of the Week!**

### **Thank you!**

I can't thank you enough for all the support you provided for your child in preparation for our visit to the Early Learning School. The kids did a great job reading to the little ones and being a "big buddy" during our craft project.

### **Christmas Program News!**

Monday is our big night! Students will be performing their Christmas Program for all of you. Sister Denise has asked for the students to arrive at 6:30. The performance will begin at 7:00 in the high school's Eagles Gym. Our class will meet in the high school's cafeteria. Girls are asked to wear a Christmas dress, skirt, or pant outfit. Boys are asked to wear dress pants and a dress shirt. Please work to make sure your child has eaten something before he/she arrives that evening. The program should last for one hour. Students will remain with me after the Program until I see you specifically to pick them up. It will be important that night to make eye contact with me before taking your

child. The crowd will be large and it is extremely important to me that your child go home with the correct person. If someone other than a parent will retrieve your child that night, please let me know in advance. Thank you!

### **Marble Jar News!**

Students filled up their third marble jar on Thursday. My goal is to celebrate before the break. Details to come soon.

### **Christmas Party**

Friday, December 21st, will be pajama day at VCES! Your child is invited to wear pajamas to school that day. We will be having our classroom Christmas party with 1P, as well as both 3rd grade buddy classes, that morning. Many thanks to the wonderful room parents who are planning and organizing this event!

### **Early Departures**

If you know that your child will not be at school for any reason on the 21st, please let me know in advance. The kids have been working hard on Christmas gifts for all of you and I want to do what I can to make sure that you receive your gift on time. Many thanks to those of you who have already responded to this!

**Have a fabulous weekend everyone!**