

December 20, 2016

Dear Fifth Grade Families,

This is the last newsletter of 2016. In this last week of school before the break, we are still tackling some curricular topics and plenty of rehearsal, as well. We are wrapping many topics including a mini unit on graphic novels, Monster Storms in Science, and the Middle Colonies with a Chapter 6 Test on Wednesday. Beside content, our focus has been practicing different study tools such as graphic note-taking, Study Stack flashcards, and today we played a review game called Kahoot.

A separate e-mail, sent from Mr. Koehne, details arrival times, dress code, and expectations for Christmas Eve. Please read and ask if you have questions as the responsibilities for fifth graders are much greater than those in previous years. Lots of thoughtful coordination goes into the service and your student has worked hard to make it a meaningful experience so please allow ample time for parking and crowds so that your student is not late. Most fifth grade students will be involved in both services and a light snack is provided in between services. During the Christmas Eve service, gifts are brought to the altar. This year, those gifts are gloves, scarves, hats, and socks for middle schoolers who live in Washington D.C. and attend Monument Academy (<http://www.monumentacademy.org/>). A note is included in the folder today that highlights that giving opportunity. Although the deadline was yesterday, donations can still be made through Thursday, December 22. Thanks for your consideration.

We will have our class Christmas party on Wednesday, December 21. A pizza lunch, treats and games are planned for the afternoon. Special thanks to room parents for coordinating and others who volunteer to help provide all that is needed. Your efforts are appreciated.

Finally, as you are out and about shopping during the Holidays, please talk with your student about some replacement school supplies. Many are without key items such as scissors, loose leaf paper, glue sticks, and highlighters which impedes our progress.

Together in Christ,

Mrs. Massmann

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