

# Third Grade News

December 2017

Dear Parents and Families:

We've been busy! Between our regular school work and our preparation for the holidays, our schedule is filled up to the brim.

In Religion class, we've begun the season of Advent. In addition to our regular lessons, the students have been doing many activities that focus on our preparation for the coming of the Christ Child.

With Math, we've been working hard to memorize math facts. Automatic recall of the basic multiplication facts will make future lessons much easier to understand. You have probably noticed fact practice on many of the math homework sheets. I encourage students to try to recall the answers first before moving to a multiplication table.

Reading has been a primary focus for us, as reading is so important for other subjects as well. Our Daily 5 reading time seems to be a favorite of the kids, so I try to give them that chance as often as I can. Speaking of reading, the class absolutely clobbered their AR testing goal of 250 points. I think

they're at approximately 300 points right now, and it goes up every day! I'm really proud of our readers.

Our Science and Social Studies lessons have been coming along nicely, and I think the students enjoy the newspaper-style format. I encourage them to take their papers home every week, so I hope you get a chance to review the lessons with your child.

In addition, the students have been working very hard with their preparation for the Christmas Concert, which will take place on Wednesday, December 20, at 6:00 in the Central Building. I hope to see you all there!

I hope you all have a wonderful Holiday Season!

-Mr. Dahle

### **\*Fun stuff to do at home\***

- Practice measuring items in inches, feet, and yards, as well as centimeters and meters.
- What time is it?!?! Ask your child the current time as well as how much time has passed and how much time until an event.
- Continue to read to and with your child. It's great practice and an excellent opportunity to spend "quality time" with your child.
- Play outside. It's good for you. Nature's better than video games, anyway.

