

## SIXTH GRADE

# DECEMBER

THANK YOU

Dear 6th Grade Parents,

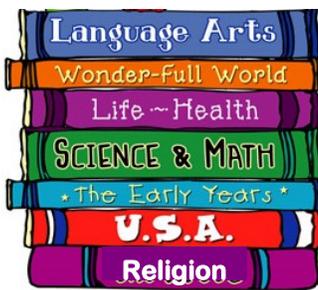
I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and enjoyed your time together. We had a great time at camp. Thank you for allowing your child to have this wonderful experience. This was my first experience with 6th grade camp & I really enjoyed it.

I would like to thank everyone for being prompt for your parent conferences. They went extremely well and your cooperation helped immensely in ensuring this. Thank you so much! I have yet to plan anything specifically for a class party before Christmas break but we will

have something. It looks like Wednesday or Thursday the 13th or 14th would work best. I have 2 movies that I want to show during the Christmas season. One is "It's a Wonderful Life". I was shocked to find out that many of the children had not even heard of it. The other is a movie I love called "One Magic Christmas". It's a wonderful movie about Christmas spirit and another Guardian Angel. Mrs. Vickery will be letting you know when we have specifics on these events. Thank you Mrs. Vickery for all of your assistance with these many items that pop up. I'd never be able to keep up with all of that without you!



In language arts, we continue our stories about mysteries. As a reminder we



alternate our tests each Friday between spelling and vocabulary. In math, we are working on the order of operations. We just started this chapter and we will dive back into it when we return from vacation. It's an important concept for them to grasp. In social studies, we have been learning about early Mesopotamia and some prehistoric humans and how they lived. Look for another work packet to come home soon. In science, we have been discussing the characteristics of soil and also chemical reaction. When we return our topic shifts to gravity, force, friction and magnetism. They should be pretty keen on these topics after Astrocamp. In religion, we are continuing our discussion on the church calendar.

As you are probably aware, it has been pretty hectic here as we prepared for camp. Thank you for bearing with me when I didn't have all the specific answers related to camp. Rest assured that their safety was my top priority while they were away from you. I hope communicating with Mrs. Moss and our office staff with any information necessary including arrival time and departure time helped eliminate any anxiety.

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving visiting with friends and family and a joyous Christmas. Christmas is my favorite time of the year!! As my sister used to always say to me—"take time to sit quietly during the Christmas season and enjoy all the beautiful sights and sounds". - Kathleen Urtz Hoffman(1948-1999)—Unfortunately, she passed much too early but I try to remember her words to me each Christmas season.

Finally, I would like to wish Happy Birthday to those with December birthdays. If you plan on bringing anything in to celebrate their special day, please let me know so we can plan accordingly.

God bless,  
Mr. Urtz

**May Peace be your gift  
at Christmas and your  
blessing all year  
through!**

