

SECOND GRADE

December

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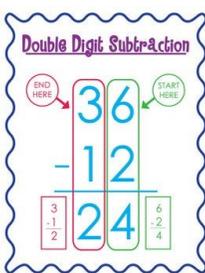
2018 is coming to end. What a wonderful year it has been! In December, we have many



celebrations and activities to look forward to. December 7th is a minimum day and a spirit wear day. December 11th is our all school Mass. December 20th is our Advent program in the church. The students have been working so hard with Mrs. Andersen to learn their song. December 21st is the last day before break. It is a pajama day and a minimum day. We will end the day in the church hall with our sing-a-long. School resumes January 7th.

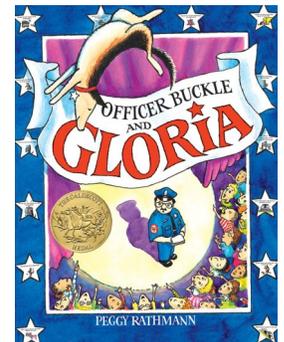
We will begin discussing Christmas and Advent during December. As a way to prepare ourselves for this holiday, we will take a look around the world and learn about what others are celebrating during this time. In class, we will talk about many different countries and what they celebrate in December. The students will each get their own country to report on the last week before break. I am excited to see what each student has to report!

During December, we will conclude our studies on penance and reconciliation. We will end with learning how to prepare ourselves for this sacrament. We will talk about how we can practice God's forgiveness with other people. When we forgive others, we learn how God forgives us. We will also begin our Advent season. We will do special prayers and activities that prepare us for Christmas.



In math, we will work with double digit subtraction. We will practice borrowing and start learning about chain operations. We will also continue working with word problem skills. We will find different ways to solve a problem based on what it is asking. We will continue learning multiplication facts.

We will begin a new unit in reading titled "Amazing Animals". In this unit we will read about different animals in many different ways. We will have a mixture of fiction and nonfiction text about some very interesting animals. In our first story, "Officer Buckle and Gloria", we will work on making inferences as we read. We will also see how pictures can really help the understanding of the text.



Social Studies

In social studies, we will take a closer look at where we are in the world. We have already learned our continent, country, state, and city but we will learn how to read a map. We will look at globes and maps in the classroom to help us understand how to read them.

Science

For science, we will begin animal life cycles. We will learn about life cycles in general; then take a closer look at the life cycles of four animals. We will compare and contrast their life cycles.

Handwriting

In handwriting, we will continue to work on cursive! The students were so excited to start cursive after Thanksgiving and have been doing so well. We will also continue to use our D'Nealian to be sure it stays as wonderful as it was before starting cursive!



We will continue to alternate between spelling and vocabulary words. This will help improve the students writing as well as their speech.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege to teach and learn from your children each day. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year! See you in 2019.

God Bless,
Miss Betty