



December 1, 2023

Dear sixth grade families,

It's been exciting to see your children grow socially and academically over the last few months. We greatly appreciated your time during conferences, and were very pleased with how our conversations went. It was so impressive to see so many students taking initiative by setting goals, and having a dialogue with their parents and teachers. We look forward to students taking initiative to achieve their goals in this new trimester.

We also hope you are staying warm, and please remember to send your child with an extra layer for recess. Advent is upon us, and that also means that we, as a community, can reflect on our many blessings as we wait for Jesus' birth. 6th graders are doing a wonderful job completing the sacrament of confession with Father Oakland!

[Homeroom Updates:](#)

Mug Exchange: We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas with a mug exchange. Please have your child bring in a mug by Wednesday Dec. 13th. filled with allergy friendly goodies (No gluten and no nuts). Please do not spend more than \$10. The kids will take part in a fun mug exchange game on December 15th. If you have any questions, please reach out

Christmas Program: Our annual Christmas Program will be on the evening of Thursday, December 14th. Remember that students should wear their Sunday best for the event. We look forward to seeing you there!

Report Cards: Report cards will be sent out on Friday, December 8th.

Note from Mrs. Wallace:

Dear 6th Grade,

Thank you for my birthday card, treats and gift. It is so kind of you to remember my birthday! I loved reading the thoughtful messages in my giant card.

Thank you,
Mrs. Wallace

Scott also really appreciated his gift and verbally thanked the children after we sang happy birthday to him.

Curriculum Updates:

Math (Mrs. H):

Monday: *Review (Day 1)
Tuesday: *Review (Day 2)
Wednesday: *Ch. 5 Test
Thursday: *Test corrections
Friday: *Start Christmas scale drawing

Math (Mrs. C): We have been multiplying fractions this week. We will have a short quiz on Monday, December 4th. Starting Tuesday, we will be learning to divide fractions.

Math (Mr. W): Next week, we will begin chapter four: Multiply and Divide Fractions.

Monday: 4.1 Estimate Products of Fractions
Tuesday: 4.2 Multiply Fractions and Whole Numbers
Wednesday: 4.3 Multiply Fractions
Thursday: 4.4 Multiply Mixed Numbers
Friday: Mid-chapter Check/ALEKS review
Have a great weekend!

ELA: Next week we'll be putting the finishing touches on our Christmas persuasive speeches and start presenting on Tuesday. We will spend most of the week on presentations.

Social Studies: We are working on lesson 7, Exploring 4 Mesopotamian Empires. Students will be learning about the 4 Mesopotamian Empires. They will be working in groups to create a presentation using a variety of methods (in which they can choose) to teach the other students in the class about their empire. Students have also been assigned a Google Slideshow on their Empire. These slideshows are due on 12/14.

Group presentations will be on 12/13 & 12/14. These presentations will be a performance assessment for this lesson.

Science: Students will continue their investigation of living systems by learning about the digestive and excretory systems. Students will discover how each cell in the body gets food and gets rid of wastes that are not gasses. Students will complete a study guide to prepare for a quiz on body systems Wednesday, Dec. 13th.

Religion: We will wrap up chapter 4 - Life is a Journey lesson. We will go over the liturgical calendar: **Advent** season. Students will understand the liturgical year as a call to repentance, reflection, and conversion as evidenced in the Old Testament and recognized in sacramental objects and actions in liturgy.

Calendar Updates:

- Dec 8th - Report Cards
- Dec 14th - Christmas Program
- Dec 15th - Noon Dismissal (No PM BASE)
- Dec 18th-Jan 1st - Christmas Break
- Jan 2nd - School Resumes

We hope you have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs. Chiodo and Mr. Williams