



CLASSROOM SNAP SHOTS!

December 18, 2009



PK3 & PK4

Thank you to everyone who was able to come to the Family Christmas Celebration last Saturday. We hope you enjoyed the morning together. Thank you for your gifts to Golden House. They are thoroughly appreciated!

We had a fun week in preschool wrapping up our preparations for Jesus' birthday! The highlight of course was our birthday party for Him. We played "put baby Jesus on the manger", sang "Happy Birthday" and enjoyed special treats. We could hardly wait to exchange gifts and really enjoyed opening them all and seeing the surprises inside.

The time finally came to place Baby Jesus in the stable, something we had been waiting to do for 3 weeks. It really reminded us that He is what Christmas is all about!

I really enjoyed having the 4-year-old classes at my house this week. We baked and decorated cookies, made a Christmas tree ornament, and watched a special video on the Nativity that helped bring home the message of Christmas in one more way. The children all found something special under my tree which I hope they are enjoying on their own tree at home.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas filled with God's love. Enjoy your family time over the Christmas break!

Kindergarten

This week we celebrated the birth of Jesus. We used different nativity sets and books to help us understand how God made Jesus' birth so special. We talked about how wonderful it is on Jesus' birthday that all of us get gifts. Everyone gets to celebrate and hopefully everyone remembers the most important gift of all---
JESUS!!

We worked with the letter and sound of Cc and the sight word are. We made predictions, practiced rhyming words and blending. We counted pennies, practiced numbers on an analog clock and made a graph with our shoes. We learned about some of the Christmas traditions in Mexico, Panama, and Taiwan. The children had fun breaking open a piñata and they made their own Christmas flower-the poinsettia. We wrote our names on Christmas cards for the shut-ins of Redeemer Lutheran Church. We made some special secret gifts and we baked for Jesus' birthday party. We celebrated Jesus birthday and we enjoyed opening gifts from each other.

Thank you parents for sending your children to Redeemer and giving me the opportunity to teach them. They are very special and I am very blessed. Thank you also for your help with the items for the party this week. I pray that every

family is filled with God's love as we celebrate Jesus' birth and that we take time to be thankful no matter what our situation is because Jesus is the greatest gift!!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! There is NO memory work over vacation. Halli is the snack person January 4th- 8th.

Joy in Jesus!

Mrs. Kuske

First and Second Grade

CHRIST THE SAVIOR IS BORN! This week we heard about the best present we ever received, our Savior, born to us as a baby. Jesus lived the perfect life for us. He died for us. He rose for us. Jesus did all of this so that we can one day live with Him eternally in heaven. Let us remember that Jesus is the real reason for the season!

Remember to keep encouraging your child to read over the CHRISTmas break.

This is a great time to read extra books for the year long reading goal. If you run out of room on the December reading log, just list the books on the back or another sheet of paper. The December reading log will be due on January 4th.

Also have your child review the math facts over the break. This will help keep the facts fresh in their mind.

Have a great CHRISTmas vacation and remember to worship our newborn Savior!

Third and Fourth Grade

This week the students worked hard at getting ready for the CHRISTmas service that we had on Friday. They have learned their parts well and just need to perform to the best of their abilities.

During break I hope that everyone rests up and is ready to come back in January and be ready to work hard for the end of the second quarter. Please have your student work on memorizing the multiplication facts as we will be working on saying them when we return.

I hope everyone has a great and wonderful CHRISTmas and a Happy New Year.

Tests coming up:

Friday – Spelling Unit 14

Fifth and Sixth Grade

This week was crazy with delays, Christmas Service practice and excited students. We finished our Einstein Kit by looking at a hay and grass infusion. Some students were able to see living organisms that grew in the infusion. However, I think the smell will be stuck in their minds for awhile.

In Spanish, we looked at the Christmas traditions in Mexico. We tried to sing some Christmas carols in Spanish which is kind of tricky. It is so neat to learn that the birth of Christ is the main focus there.

There will not be a current events story due on January 5th. I want the students to have time with family and relax.

God's blessings this Christmas and safe travels to all those visiting family.

From Mr. Kramer

Merry Christmas!!!

Congratulations to Paige Bogner for finishing her second quarter memory. There are 10 days left to say memory. How is your child doing?

Next month grades five and six will be reading "Jason's Gold". Grades seven and eight will be reading "Nothing but the Truth". Christmas vacation is a great time to get Accelerated Reading done for the quarter. I have suggested that the students bring home a few books to read over the holidays. I plan to do the same.