



## SECOND GRADE WEEKLY

December 12, 2011

Dear parents,

What a beautiful concert on Sunday to remind us all of the quiet glory of Jesus' coming!

There is just a short week-and-a-half before Christmas vacation. I have a few reminders for you:

Our Christmas party will be on Wednesday, December 21 at 9:30 until 11:00 dismissal. Parents are welcome to attend!

At the party, each child will share his/her "gift for Baby Jesus," which is a gift that they have planned and spent time on for someone else. Jesus told us that doing things for others is like doing things for Him, and at Christmas children can sometimes become very focused on receiving. I still have some of these special gifts that children (including my own) spent time preparing. It may be a craft, a poem, a song, a piano piece, etc. If your child would like to play the piano, let me know. There is a keyboard I can bring in.

The Christmas program for the children is on Sunday, December 18 at 4:00. We will have our final rehearsals this week.

Remember also the short science project due this Wednesday, December 14.

Don't forget to label your child's winter wear with his/her name. This will prevent mix-ups. I'm BEGGING you! Please! By now the children know that they must be properly prepared for outdoor play or they aren't allowed to play that day. Remember gloves, hats, and so forth. An extra pair of gloves to be kept in the locker is a wonderful idea.

Many of the children have forgotten to bring their two Reader's Theater scripts back on the day of the performances. I still would like the scripts back, even if we've already performed them in class. This way I don't need to make as many new copies next year. So, if you

have a script for “The Emperor's New Hair” or “Shepherds, Awake!” at your house, please return it to me.

I have not assigned a script for this coming Friday, since we have dress rehearsal for the program that morning. The next script will not be due until January. The script will be sent home later so that it's fresh in their minds.

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are having a pop can drive to raise money for their class trip. If the second grade brings the most cans, we'll win another pizza lunch!!! Send your cans to the classroom any day from now until January 6.

Each second grader must earn three AR points by Wednesday, December 21. I'm thrilled to report that twelve kids, which is a full two-thirds of our class, have finished these points. Many have gone WAY beyond! Good job!

THIS WEEK:

MEMORY: Tuesday: “That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.”

Thursday: none

RELIGION: “Jesus is Born.”

READING/PHONICS: We will begin leveled lessons in reading and phonics with independent work stations supplementing the lessons.

READER'S THEATER: There is no new script until January.

MATH: Topic 7: Mental Subtraction.

ENGLISH: Plural Possessive Nouns.

SPELLING: Week 2, unit 3: r-controlled ar words. The practice test will be on Thursday and the final test on Friday.

arm	barn	city(hf)	march	farm	hard
place(hf)	started	park	start	party	carve

BONUS: garbage alarm barter

SOCIAL STUDIES: Read a Landform Map; Lesson 3: Seasons and Climate.

HANDWRITING: Practice and review/evaluation.

SCIENCE: Projects are due Wednesday!!!! Lesson 5: How do living things get food?

ART: We have no art period due to a program practice, but we have various Christmas fun art spaced here and there this week.

COMPUTERS: We will practice more home row keyboarding.

P.E.: New games – Hoopla and Ten Trips.

In Christ,  
Linda Ramthun