



SECOND GRADE WEEKLY

November 28, 2011

Dear parents,

As I write this I am again so THANKFUL for the blessing that our students and parents are at Guardian. Thank you so much for the help with our Thanksgiving feast!

Now we find ourselves in the season of Advent! This is the season in which we prepare our hearts for the coming of the long-promised Savior, Jesus, who was sent so long ago.

As I look ahead to the next few weeks of school before Christmas vacation, I realize that so much will be happening! Our class Christmas party will be on Wednesday, December 21 at 9:30 a.m. We will not be doing a gift exchange among students at the party, but each child will be asked to bring a special gift! It has long been a tradition in the first and second grades at Guardian for each child to present a "gift for Baby Jesus" on the day of the party. This is a gift that the child has prepared for someone special. The time and love put into the gift is the gift to Jesus, since He told us in the Bible that what we do for others we are actually doing for Him! I will send a special note home describing the special gift in more detail, but you may want to begin now to think of what special gift your child could prepare and the person who will receive it.

Our next field trip is THIS Thursday, December 1 at Nankin Mills in Westland for the "Owls of Michigan" program. There are still a few permission notes I will need back. A driver list will be sent home this week. Remember that EVERY child who is not yet eight years old MUST HAVE A BOOSTER SEAT!!!

Remember that our first graded performance for Reader's Theater will be THIS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2. The children should be

practicing their parts in the script “The Emperor's New Hair” so that they can read it fluently and with expression.

We will begin having a few practices a week for the Children's Christmas Program, which will be held on Sunday, December 18 at 4:00. Our memory passages are recitations from the program.

The weather is getting colder, and I've noticed that some children have begun to wear gloves, hats, etc. PLEASE MARK EACH WINTER ITEM WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME! You wouldn't believe how many black gloves and snowpants we will find in the hallway, and they all look alike! We will have no way of distinguishing between these items unless they are marked with names. Thanks.

EACH CHILD WILL NEED AN EMPTY, CLEAN POP CAN (12 OZ.) FOR ART ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

Each second grader must earn three AR points by Wednesday, December 21. I am thrilled to report that six children have already finished these points! Great job!

THIS WEEK:

MEMORY: Tuesday: “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will crush your head, and you will strike His heel.”

Thursday: “Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her...”

RELIGION: “Elijah and the Ravens” and “God Speaks to Elijah.”

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

MATH: Topic 6: Mental Addition.

ENGLISH: Singular Possessive Nouns

SPELLING: Week 6, unit 2: Review. There are twenty-four words on the review list. Twenty of them will be on the practice test on Thursday and the same twenty on the final test on Friday.

SOCIAL STUDIES: Use a Map Grid; Lesson 2: North America: “Countries in North America” and “Landforms.”

HANDWRITING: zZ, xX

SCIENCE: Lesson 4: Where do plants and animals live? A short project on animals will be assigned this week. I'm awfully sorry about the timing of the project. I realize that December is a difficult time to

do something extra. Before we got the new science series, I could assign it in October! It is a short project, however, and won't require huge amounts of research or "fancy stuff." I will send home a detailed description next week.

ART: Soda Can Angels.

COMPUTERS: We will practice more home row keyboarding.

P.E.: Dribbling skills and dribbling relays.

In Christ's service,
Linda Ramthun