



December 7, 2018

**Check out what we're doing.**

**Religion-** The season of Advent is the focus in our classroom as we prepare for Christmas. We discussed the importance of lighting a candle each week. Students learned that each week has a special message. Our focus during the week was on the importance of living our lives full of hope. You can help your child focus on the meaning of Christmas as they complete the Advent calendar that was sent home.

**Social Studies-** Students learned about the Christmas traditions practiced in Holland and Ireland. We used Google Earth to locate each country and view pictures. Saint Nicholas visited our classroom and left a gift for the students. We made a candle after learning about the Irish tradition of placing a lighted candle in the window.

**Grammar-** Students are excited to use adjectives when describing objects. They understand how adjectives can help paint a detailed picture for a reader.

**Reading-** The book Jingle Bells was read to introduce Christmas traditions in different countries. The students enjoyed reading the Polar Express and making connections to the book.

\*\*\*\*The Christmas tradition assignment is due on Wednesday December 12. I am looking forward to learning about all your family Christmas traditions. \*\*\*

**Special Notes**



**December 14-** Special Lunch

**December 17-** Spirit Wear

**December 18-** Classroom Christmas Party

**December 20-** Christmas Program

**December 21-** Early Dismissal

**December 20- SJS Christmas Concert!** The concert will take place in the Parish Center at 2:00. Students should wear their uniform pants/skirt with a red, green or white top to school. Girls may wear a Christmas dress. Students may also wear Christmas colored accessories that consist of jewelry, bows, headbands, ties, socks etc.

**Please no hats of any kind.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Julie Winter

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