



# Mrs. Granato's Classroom Connections



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## Reminders

School will be in session on Monday January 21st.

There will be no school on Monday, February 4th.

## What Did We Learn This Week?

**Religion:** In religion, we discussed how we celebrate Christmas. Celebrating Christmas, we go to Mass and celebrate the upcoming arrival of Jesus. Students discussed that when God gave us Jesus, he gave us his love. They loved learning that the Hebrew meaning for Bethlehem, the city of David, is house of bread! Most importantly, students were able to see that when we have God in our hearts, we have love.

**Reading:** Students worked diligently in class to read the second book by their author. They worked hard identifying key information needed for the final project. **Please remind students that Author Study Book #2 Packets are to be completed and returned on Monday, January 21st.** Please make sure books are returned to school on Monday as we may need them for reference.

**ELA:** This week in English, students learned how to elaborate and combine sentences with adjectives to make their writing more clear and interesting. They also discovered that *a*, *an*, and *the* are special adjectives called "articles".

**Math:** In math, students have been identifying and using strategies to multiply and divide by 10's along with multiplying multiples of 10. We also looked for patterns with in math facts. They were able to identify particular patterns when dividing and multiplying by 10. We also completed our math review pages in the books and will continue our review Monday. Students brought home their Math vocabulary 'cards' to study this weekend. They will need to return them on Monday so we can continue to prepare for our test on Tuesday, January 22.

**Science:** In science, students discovered what the greenhouse effect is and how that impacts our climate. With the greenhouses gases going into the atmosphere, students learned that earth's temperature is rising. Students explored the differences between natural factors and climate change and human factors and climate change. They then were able to complete an activity seeing more examples of climate change due to the burning of fossil fuels.

**Social Studies:** Students looked at different modes of transportation used throughout our history and learned that transportation has drastically changed since the 1800s. Students had the opportunity of participating in an interactive Webquest to enhance their knowledge of the Transcontinental Railroad. Students also learned about developments in communication during the 1800s and how it impacted society. Finally, students learned about map scales. They were able to use the map scale to determine distances on a map.

## Upcoming Events:

### Monday, Jan. 21

- Author Study Packet #2 Due

### Tuesday, Jan. 22

- Math Ch. 6 Test
- Science Lesson 2 Quiz

### Wednesday, Jan. 23

- Religion Unit Test (will be completed in groups)

### Friday, Jan. 18:

- Social Studies Ch. 5 Test

## Request:

Third and fourth grade will be making blankets during Catholic School Week, but we need your help in advance. We are in need of 2 yard pieces of fleece or monetary donations. If you are able to donate fabric, please send in two coordinating pieces of fleece (one patterned piece and one solid colored piece). Please send all donations no later than **Wednesday, January 23rd**. Thank you to families that have already sent in fabric and/or cash donation! Thank you for your support!!

