

December 14, 2016

Dear Parents,

As we prepare ourselves for Christmas during this Advent season, there are many school preparations currently going on too. Preparations have been made to visit the nursing homes and sing Christmas Carols. The teachers are preparing the students for the big Christmas program. Families are preparing cookies for the cookie walk. Thank you to everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to assist in any of these preparations.

The following is a summary from Father Poggemeyer's bulletin column about the last school endowment meeting:

"On another note, we had our yearly Divine Mercy School endowment committee meeting on November 30th. The endowment balance is now \$116,365.44. We are very grateful for memorial gifts from the Yenser, Swary and Recker families throughout this past year. Over the last 10 years the endowment has provided approximately \$20,000 in benefits for our school. The fund is set up, as usual, so that we can only spend interest accrued each year. That way we keep it growing. And the more we grow the endowment, the greater will be the potential help to the school. Please keep the school endowment in mind for estate planning, and at other giving opportunities you encounter."

We are very blessed to have this account that generates money for the school each year.

God Bless!

Mr. Linder



The school Christmas program is on **Tuesday, December 20th**. Like last year, there will be two performances - one at 1:00 and the other at 7:00.

The school will open at 6:30 pm for the students to come in and get ready for the program. I will be in the hall for the cookie walk, and any student in the hall can **line up with me at 6:30** to come back to school. Following the program all students will need to return to school with their teacher and may be picked up by parents from the classroom. **If school is cancelled, the program will also be cancelled.**



You can drop off your cookies for the cookie walk **starting on Friday, December 16th**. Cookies for the cookie walk must be to the school by

Tuesday, December 20th at 10:00 am. The cookie walk will begin after the 1:00 show and run until 6:30 before the second performance starts. If there are any cookies left, they will be on sale following the 7:00 performance. **The cookie walk will take place in the hall kitchen this year.**



Christmas caroling at the nursing homes (Payne, Antwerp, Latty, and Paulding) will take place tomorrow. We will

leave school and arrive to the nursing homes at 1:00 pm.

Students who are less than eight years old will need to bring a booster seat to school, or else they won't be able to go caroling at the nursing homes. Ohio's child passenger safety law requires the following: Children less than 8 years old, unless they are at least 4 feet, 9 inches tall must use a booster seat.

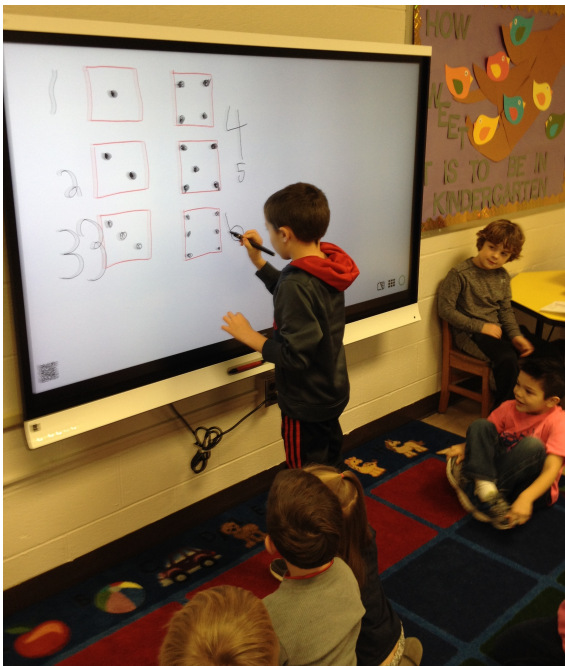
Classroom Curriculum News



Mrs. Lopshire - Preschool:

The preschoolers have colored a Santa face to help them count the days left until Christmas. They'll put a cotton ball on Santa's beard each day, and when it's full it will be Christmas. We are

really getting into the Christmas spirit by singing Jingle Bells (while ringing bells of course), Rudolph (while wearing our big red noses), and We Wish You a Merry Christmas.



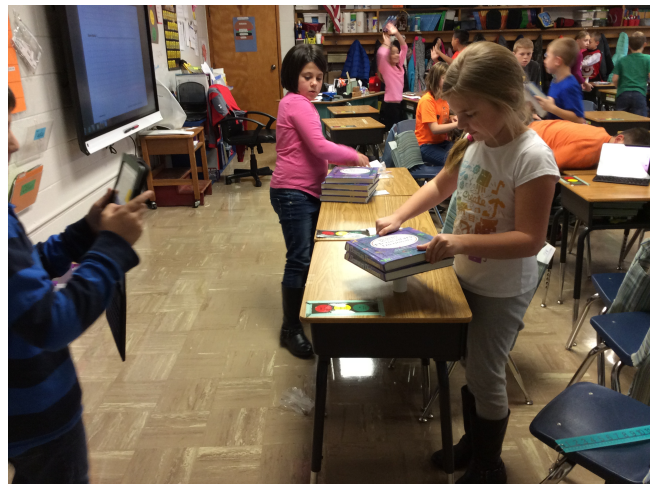
Miss Kaufman - Kindergarten:

The kindergarteners studied the different numbers on a cube, and how they are represented by dots on a die. Pictured above is Luke Stoller using the SMART board to write the number six and draw the correct number of dots found on a die.

Mrs. Carrier - 1 & 2:

Students have been working hard in their studies, but also have been working hard

preparing for our caroling visit to the nursing homes. Pictured below is a group of carolers who will be going to the Payne Vancrest nursing home.



Mrs. Gideon - 3 & 4:

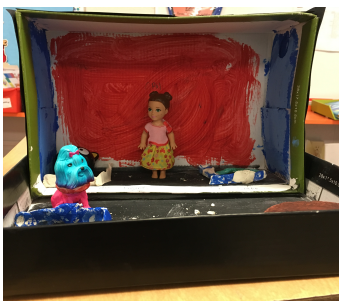
Grades 3 & 4 learned the importance of strong bones in health class. Pictured above Bela McDougle and Sierra Young test out their bone model to see how many books it can support, while Caleb Cox takes pictures to record the experiment.



Mr. Grant - 5 & 6:

Students have been studying renewable and nonrenewable energy resources in science. Students have been learning about fossil fuels and nuclear energy as energy resources. Students have also been learning how nuclear fusion occurring in the sun is responsible for most of the energy on Earth. In this photo students are researching how water power and wind power are transformed into sources of energy.

Mrs. Gerardot - 2, 4, & 6 Reading:



Fourth grade just finished their dioramas from the book Because of Winn-Dixie. Each student had to pick a setting from the book

and recreate what they thought the setting looked like to them. They all worked very hard and the dioramas will be on display in the hallway until Wednesday, December 21st.



On December 21st, the last day of school before Christmas break, the PTA is providing staff and students with a pizza lunch (applesauce and chips also provided). Thank you PTA!



If you ordered any spirit wear, the orders will be delivered to school on **Monday, December 19th.**

It was good to see the Lady Crusaders in action on Tuesday night! The pictures to the right are from their game against Bryan St. Patrick. Keep working hard girls. The boys were also in action on Tuesday night at Defiance Holy Cross. We are proud of both our teams!

Upcoming Dates:

- Thur 12/15 Christmas Caroling at nursing homes @ 1:00
- Fri 12/16 - Mass @ 9:15
- Father religion classes
- Tues 12/20 - Christmas Program showings @ 1:00 and 7:00
- The Cookie Walk will start after the 1:00 afternoon performance and end right before the 7:00 performance
- Weds 12/21 - Last day of classes before break
- Pizza Lunch for students and staff today - no lunches from Payne Elementary

Dec 22- Jan 2 NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break

Tues 1/3 Classes Resume

