



Fochtman's Fifth Grade News

December 9, 20101

Updates on Learning

Science:

We are moving on to learning about the importance of food and nutrition and then, we'll study the digestive system.

We'll conclude our study with an interactive lab activity!

Math:

After attending a workshop last week regarding the teaching of math and the new Common Core Curriculum, I have been inspired to try some new teaching techniques with regards to math. Please understand that homework *may* not come home *every* night. When it does come home, it may be from the workbook or

other sources. I'm hoping to get the kids excited about math and have them explain more of their mathematical thinking!

Language Arts:

We will be finishing up the book Tuck Everlasting by Christmas Break. We have been practicing reading comprehension strategies and what elements make a complete sentence.

Religion:

Our class played Advent Pictionary and we discussed how we can use "things of this world" to help us prepare for the coming of Christ. We have also looked at

attributes of God. In January, we will begin an in-depth study of the Sacraments.

Social Studies:

Before Christmas, we will study culture, population, government and economy, and global connections.

Spelling & Grammar Lab

Group B is looking at irregular past tense verbs. Group C is studying suffixes. We are also investigating same sounding words with different spellings and meanings.

Important Things:

- **Advent Vespers** is on Wednesday, Dec. 14th at 7pm in church. This is a very special night of prayer and worship.
- Monday, Dec. 19th is a **non-uniform** day for all students.
- **Band Performance** in lower level on Friday, Dec. 16 at 1pm
- We will have a **new student**, Sam Williams, joining our class on Jan. 3rd! We'll be making cards to welcome him!
- **Secret Santa**-this was an optional activity. Most of our class has picked a person to share a small gift with during our party on Wed, Dec. 21. We agreed that it has to be homemade or something that the children have at home. No money can be spent.

**Have a blessed
Advent Season!**

**Join us for Vespers Celebration on
Wednesday, Dec. 14th
at 7pm in church**



