



November 30, 2009

Dear Parents,

Happy Advent! Yes, it is that time of year all ready....Time for wearing boots, ski pants, hats, and mittens. Please be sure your child has these items for going outside each day for recess. They may leave these items at school during the week if they wish, however, they will be sent home on weekends for washing and airing out!



Along with signing the folder this week, I am asking you to sign and return the scoring rubric for the process writing project that we worked on over the last few weeks. Attached to the published copy and rubric is the first draft and graphic organizer that your child used when revising and editing. The original brainstorm paper is in their notebook here at school. Please ask your child to read his/her story to you. We shared our stories with sixth graders who had many smiles as we read the stories to them. Return the signed rubric, work, and final story in the parent folder.

Enclosed you will also find several book order forms. I had a hard time choosing which form to send home because there are so many good choices at such good prices. Again, please send in cash or a check made out to me. The last order came in about a week so it really does make a difference when I place the order with my charge card. If you want the books to be a surprise Christmas gift, just place the order in an envelope with a short note and I will deliver the books to you personally.



Saint Nicholas Day is Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. The students should bring an extra shoe to school on Friday that can be left at school over the weekend for St. Nick when he visits.

This week we are reading "A Day's Work". The skill that is being focused on is analyzing characters. In math we are learning the greater than (>) and less than (<) symbols. In religion we are learning the fourth mark of the Church-Apostolic. They will soon be ready for a test on all four marks of the church and will be bringing home notes next week to study. Please refer to the "Family Times" for the vocabulary and spelling words for the week. On the spelling list, notice that each word ends with a consonant followed by le. Study by syllable, for example: hand le, trou ble.

Again, Happy Advent and may your upcoming weeks be filled with peace and joy!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Marsh