



Mrs. Otte's Weekly Update



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Curriculum Corner

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THE ADVENT SEASON IS MY FAVORITE TIME OF YEAR! THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS TO LEARN IN THE THREE JAM PACKED WEEKS BEFORE CHRISTMAS BREAK, BUT RELIGION ALLOWS US TO SLOW DOWN AND REFLECT ON THE TRUE REASON FOR THE SEASON. FIRST, THE FIFTH GRADERS ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE "NAMES OF JESUS" ADVENT PROJECT. EACH DAY A NEW NAME IS POSTED AND STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO FIND EXAMPLES OF THAT GIVEN NAME IN THE BIBLE. FOR EXAMPLE, THIS WEEK WE LEARNED PRINCE OF PEACE AND WE FOUND IT IN ISAIAH 9:6. STUDENTS RESEARCHED ONLINE AND THEN HAD TO FIND THE BIBLE VERSE IN THE BIBLE. SECONDLY, WE DISCUSSED THE BEGINNING OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR AND WILL CONTINUE TO COME BACK TO THIS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THIRDLY, WE LEARNED THAT THE FIRST CANDLE IS CALLED THE "HOPE" AND "PROPHECY" CANDLE AND WE DISCUSSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE WORDS. STUDENTS ALSO BEGAN TO BRAINSTORM IDEAS FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DOOR DISPLAY. WE STARTED DECORATING ON FRIDAY, AND WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON IT NEXT WEEK. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO STOP IN AND SEE THE FINAL PROJECT.

VOCABULARY: THIS WEEK STUDENTS LEARNED THE ROOT WORD MIN, MEANING SMALL.

RELIGION: BESIDES OUR ADVENT PROJECTS, WE ALSO PRACTICED FOR OUR MASS ON MONDAY. MONDAY WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. STUDENTS ARE ALSO PRACTICING THE ACT OF CONTRITION AS WE BEGIN TO PREPARE FOR RECONCILIATION NEXT TUESDAY. STUDENTS NEED TO HAVE THE PRAYER MEMORIZED, FOR A GRADE, BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH.

SOCIAL STUDIES: STUDENTS STARTED THEIR ANCIENT AMERICAN CIVILIZATIONS UNIT. THIS WEEK WE LEARNED ABOUT THE MAYAN CIVILIZATION AND DISCUSSED THEIR ECONOMICS, GOVERNMENT, LOCATION, NUMBER SYSTEM, AND RELIGION. STUDENTS COMPLETED A WRITING ACTIVITY TO COMPARE THE ANCIENT CIVILIZATION TO OUR MODERN SOCIETY. WE HAVE A QUIZ ON MONDAY.

WRITING: STUDENTS HAVE BEEN EDITING DAILY PARAGRAPHS FOR THE PAST FEW WEEKS. THIS WEEK WE TOOK A STEP AWAY FROM WRITING AND TOOK NOTES ON PREPOSITIONS AND PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES. STUDENTS REVIEWED THE PARTS OF SPEECH AND WE CREATED A CHEAT SHEET FOR THEIR ENGLISH NOTEBOOK.

I'M SO PROUD OF THE WORK WE ACCOMPLISHED THIS WEEK. HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND.

Dates to Remember

DEC. 5	START DECORATING FOR DOOR DISPLAY
DEC. 9	SCHOOL RECONCILIATION
DEC. 15	ADVENT PROGRAM 7:00
DEC. 21	CHRISTMAS CLASSROOM PARTY
JAN. 5	SCHOOL RESUMES