



**What a great job today!!**

## **Mrs. Z's Busy Bees**

### **News from the Hive**

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#### **MATH**

We tested this week on multiplication and have begun learning about what division means. We learned that it is an inverse operation to multiplication. We also took a look at some examples of what long division looks like.

By Tomas, Luke, Liam



## WRITING

This week in writing we started cursive writing. We practiced the cursive A and the cursive O. We did them for homework too! We also drafted letters to our pen pals at the River Glen Health Care Center. Today we revised our drafts to add more detail and make them longer. We are publishing them on special Christmas paper. Tuesday we will make ornaments with Mrs. Kirkman and Mrs. Tirella and send our ornaments to the nursing home with our letters.

In grammar we learned how to insert commas in our writing when we write a series of things. For example, if there are three or more things in a sentence you have to use commas.

By Zoe, Avery and Lucy

## SCIENCE

In science we have been talking about how scientists make observations anyhow they record their observations and how they describe things. We observed an eagle in its natural habitat on a cool website and wrote field notes pretending to be scientists. We also learned about tools of inquiry that scientists use. Next week we will begin a new unit on rocks and minerals.

By Samantha, Ryan and Paige

## READING

We are learning about folktales and next week will start our unit on fairy tales. We read an African folk tale and one from Argentina. Folk tales are like fairy tales in some ways. We will compare and contrast them next week when we begin studying the elements of fairy tales.

## RELIGION



We are learning the seasons of the church, Ordinary Time, Lent, Easter, Event and Christmas. We are to learn each church season and now we are learning Ordinary Time. We also went to Reconciliation this week on Monday.

Today we read in Mass. The people who are reading were Zoe, Evelyn, Christian, Oscar and Ryan. The gift bearers are Luke, Lucy, Samantha and Kieran.

This is the first week of Advent!

By Philip, Evelyn and Meadow

## MANDARIN

This week in Mandarin we are learning the numbers 1 - 100. We aren't going to write them because there are too many, but we are also learning the names of different fruits.

By Oscar, Kenny, Kieran and Christian

## AND FINALLY.....

Thank you for joining us this morning at Mass. It means a lot to us to see you there!

AS Mr. G's described in his e-mail December 5th email, we are very excited about our pending technology upgrades. We received 5 new Chromebooks this week in our classroom. We have all been set up with an email account now and are beginning to use them for AR testing and to supplement our learning within the classroom. We will still visit the computer lab when we do whole group work.

Mrs. Meyers will be visiting our classroom next week to talk with us about how to problem solve when disappointments arise between friends. We always look forward to having her visit us! In addition, we will be making ornaments in Art on Tuesday to send to our pen pals to help brighten up the Christmas tree at River Glen in Southbury. We will also be spending time with our 7th grade buddies making ornaments to exchange with them.

A HUGE thank you to those of you who have contributed so generously to our classroom this week. Mrs. Smith, who donated three boxes of amazing stuff for our prize box from Scholastic Books, along with \$170 worth of books(!!) and



Mrs. McGahren who sent in a bag of beautiful Lincoln Logs. We are actually hoping for rain, so we can dig into them at our next indoor recess!

Please see next week's spelling words below. I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

With Love, Third Grade



## SPELLING WORDS

Week of December 10

Clown

Cloud

Thousand

Count

Frown

Found

Round

Power

Crowd

Powder

Pound

Mountain

Bow

Crown

Sound

Blouse

House

Coward