

We have had a busy week back to school after a great six-day weekend. I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. Don't forget that this Saturday is the Consortium craft fair at Santa Maria and Sunday is Breakfast with Santa at Transfiguration on from 8am-12pm!

Here are some of the other things we did in third grade this week:

In religion, the students learned about Advent and the various traditions within our Catholic faith. We shared experiences of looking forward to a special religious event such as Jesus' birth and how we will prepare to receive Jesus this year. The students shared their family traditions for the Christmas season and we discussed Church traditions and the significance of the Advent wreath.

In math, we continued our unit on multiplication. We learned about the Associative Property of Multiplication (with this we multiplied some big numbers), using a multiplication chart to find patterns and multiplying by 8! On Tuesday we had a nice visit from Fr. Matthew and he loves to quiz

us on our multiplication facts!

In social studies we continued to dig deeper into our local, state and national government. We learned some new vocabulary and discussed the various places, in Washington D.C., where our leaders work - the White House, Capital Building, and the Supreme Court Building.

In language arts, we read a realistic fiction story, The Jones Family Express. We learned how a boy, Steven, gets a gift to his aunt. He saved up ten dollars and seventy-five cents. He struggled to find the perfect gift that was not too expensive. His uncle rummaged around his apartment and he dug up the perfect thing - a toy train! Steven saw the potential in fixing up the toy and it was the perfect gift for his aunt. She enjoyed the train with pictures of their family and told Steven it was the best present she had ever gotten. The students also reviewed verb tenses and worked on future tense verbs. Our spelling pattern for the week was words with the long and short u sound.

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, December 3 - CCLC Craft Fair @SMdP**
- Sunday, December 4 - Breakfast with Santa @ Transfig**
- Monday, December 5 - School Board Meeting 7pm @ Transfig**
- Tuesday, December 6 - 6:30pm Marketing/7:30pm Gala Meeting**
- Thursday, December 8 - 9:30 Mass (Immaculate Conception)**
- Friday, December 9 - Parents Night Out!**
- Thursday, December 15 - Christmas Concert 1pm & 7pm**
- Thursday, December 15 - Jimano's Pizza Night**
- Wednesday, December 21 - Classroom Christmas Party 1pm-2pm**
- Thursday, December 22 - Christmas break begins**
- Wednesday, January 4 - Back to School**
- Friday, January 13 - Progress reports go home**
- Monday, January 16 - No School**