

This has been a busy week for us in third grade. Tuesday morning Fr. Jerry and Fr. Matthew came in for a visit! Fr. Jerry talked to us about Advent and preparing for Reconciliation. Fr. Matthew talked to us about St. Nicholas and what and why we celebrate the Immaculate Conception. On Tuesday afternoon we had Reconciliation and I love hearing the students say how their hearts feel clean after leaving Church. On Thursday, we had Mass for the Immaculate Conception. Next Monday, we will sing Christmas songs for the seniors of our parish with our preschool friends.

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

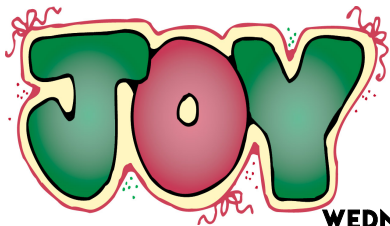
In religion, the students continued to learn more about Advent and Christmas. We talked about the different traditions of various cultures. This week we learned about the Christmas traditions of Australia, France, Germany, Greenland, Israel, and Italy. It is fascinating the similarities and the differences in the various countries. The students also did an excellent job reading during our Jesse Tree celebration with kindergarten, first, and second grades.

In math, we wrapped up our lessons in chapter 3. We worked hard this week on multiplying by

8 and 9 as well as problem solving with multiplication. We will take our chapter test on Tuesday and then begin our last chapter on multiplication. Thank you for taking time at home to help practice for their timed test.

In social studies we continued learning about government. We talked about our National Government and what the White House, Supreme Court and Capital Buildings all looked like. We learned about who presides over each branch of government and basic information about what each branch does.

In language arts, we read narrative nonfiction story called, What Do Illustrators Do? This story talk about the sequence of events that writers go through in order to have a book illustrated. First, the illustrator makes a plan for a book. Then, the illustrator creates a dummy (a rough draft). Next, the author and illustrator show the dummy to the editor and designer of a publishing company. Those at the publishing company make suggestions, and the illustrator finishes the illustrations and makes sure nothing is left out. Finally, the illustrator sends the finished illustrations to the publishing company for them to print. The students also worked on combining sentences with the same subject by combining the predicates. Our spelling pattern for the week were words with /oi/ sound.



### Upcoming Events:

- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 - CLASSROOM SPELLING BEE**
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15 - CHRISTMAS CONCERT 1PM & 7PM**
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15 - JIMANO'S PIZZA NIGHT**
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 - \$1 OUT OF UNIFORM**
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21 - CLASSROOM CHRISTMAS PARTY 1PM-2PM**
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22 - CHRISTMAS BREAK BEGINS**
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 - BACK TO SCHOOL**
- MONDAY, JANUARY 9 - 12:30PM SCHOOL SPELLING BEE**
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 13 - PROGRESS REPORTS GO HOME**
- MONDAY, JANUARY 16 - NO SCHOOL**
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 20 - HSA FAMILY FUN NIGHT**
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 24 - PEEK AT PRE-K**
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 - OPEN HOUSE**

