

Upper Grade News

December 14, 2009



**Christ
Lutheran School**

caring ... excelling ... growing in Christ

Math Corner

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Enjoy
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of the season

Dates to Remember

Dec. 18 End of 2nd Quarter

Dec. 21 – Jan. 4 Christmas Break
No School

*Have a joyous Christmas and a
blessed New Year!*

Science

Thanks to the snow and the unexpected dismissal on Thursday, we have not gone too far.

6th grade is still on earthquakes. Ask them about the different kinds of faults, focus and epicenter. We will try to get finished next week and have their test.

7th grade is working through the early history of chemistry. Important people are Joseph Priestley, Antoine Lavoisier, Henry Cavendish, and Joseph Black.

8th grade is finishing up on the mosses and liverworts and entering the more advanced plants with conducting tissue.

SOCIAL STUDIES

With the shortened week the 8th Grade Social Studies was focused on catching up and reviewing for their test on the Bill of Rights.

7th Grade had to finish their preliminary rounds of the Geography Bee.

6th Grade Social Studies is still working on reviewing the development of the Minoan and Mycenaean civilizations that were the earliest in the Mediterranean region.

In the Geography Bee which took place on Friday December 11th, 8th Grader Gabe Sullivan took 1st place while 6th Grader Ryan Brand came in 2nd.

Reading/Literature

Grade 6 has been reading selections in Unit 4 (poetry). The skill lessons include interpreting and monitoring comprehension. Key literary elements are point of view, alliteration, and figurative language.

Grade 7 continues in Unit 3 (short stories). Skill lessons include responding, synthesizing, and determining the main idea. Dialogue, nonfiction, and plot are key literary elements.

The 8th Grade is finishing a unit based on the selection A Christmas Carol. Vocabulary, comprehension, and discussion have been included with the five staves. The video will be shown after finishing the readings.

Language

With only a week to go, (and having missed a number of days last week), we have much to do in a short time for all three grades! The topic of pronouns is on the agenda for all in 6th - 8th Grade. Since we probably won't finish the chapter in time to test next week, plan on a quiz either Thursday or Friday.

December 18th is the end of second quarter, so A.R. goals need to be met by then. Many students have made great progress and should be proud of themselves. There are still a few that don't have any points yet. Please check with your student (or feel free to contact Miss S.) to see which category they fall into.

Blessings on your Christmas and the coming New Year!

Chapel offerings for December 16
Nigeria / Rasch Mission
for January 6: Student Assistance Fund