



Week of December 6, 2021

Hello First Grade Families,

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving break and I thank you all again for sending in items to make our Thanksgiving celebration a success! We will have an ornament gift exchange and birthday party for Jesus on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a \$5 wrapped ornament that would be suitable for a boy or a girl by Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet for goodies to bring for our celebration.

It's hard to believe that our **second quarter** is almost complete! Please find the Lord's Prayer & the Lord's Prayer page inside the homework packet that the student's are to memorize by December 15<sup>th</sup>. We say this in chapel each week & I thought it would be a good prayer to know. The students have been working hard in all subjects and have been going to the Christmas program practice for our upcoming (in person) Christmas program the evening of December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre. The students are to wear dressy Christmas type clothes and need to be at the theatre at 5:30 sharp. The program starts at 6pm and the admission is FREE. Please be sure to wear your mask since the theatre is city owned and has a strict mask mandate that must be followed. Students do not have to wear their masks when they are singing. The theatre **seating area** might be on cold (based on my experience last weekend) so be sure to dress in layers.

**What is advent and the importance of it:** Last Sunday was the first Sunday of advent. In chapel we talked about advent, what it means and the advent wreath with the purple candles, 1 pink candle and the 1 white candle that symbolizes Jesus. Advent means coming & preparing for the celebration of Jesus's birthday and the second coming someday. You will find an advent calendar inside your child's Friday folder that you and your family can follow as we prepare for Christmas. This is a great tool to dig into God's word. There is also a random acts of kindness calendar on the back of the advent calendar. Feel free to do some of the activities and let me know what you did as a family. Today we made advent trees in art and we will add an ornament on each day of advent. They will go home for your child to complete on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Revised Consumable Class Supply Request** list: Please see the Friday folder for the updated revised list. We are running out of Clorox Disinfecting Wipes. If your child's last name starts with an A—L, please send the supplies in if you haven't done so all ready. A huge thank you goes out to the family who have already sent supplies in.

**Got the Box Tops App yet?** I urge you to download the box top app if you haven't done so all ready. The Q code is on the flyer inside the Friday folder. It also has new items that have been added to the list of box top items that you can buy when you go grocery store. Our NEW school goal is to reach \$200, right now we are only at \$22.50! We have a long way to go and every bit helps. Please be sure to download the box top app on your phone and scan your receipts when you come home from the grocery store. If you'd rather send in your receipt and not add the box top app to your phone you may send the receipts in each week and we can scan them here and return them to you if needed. You can also have friends and family download the app or give you their receipts so they can be scanned.

**P.E. days are on Monday and Thursday~** The students can wear their spirit shirt or P.E. shirt on these days. The spirit shirts can be worn each Friday, too.

**Dates to remember: There are details inside your child's Friday folder. Here is a summary:** Monday, 12/6: P.E (P.E. dress). and music Tuesday 12/7: regular uniform Wednesday 12/8: Chapel day/wear Thursday 12/9 P.E. (P.E. dress) Friday, 12/10: Shirt day & test day \*\*\*All Ministry Christmas Tree Lighting and Nativity 6pm-7pm\*\*\* Please see detailed information inside the Friday folder Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas program at VPAT arrive at 5:30 pm with Christmas attire

**December Birthdays: 13--Ashton 17--Kayo 25--Jesus 27 --Peyton**

**Spelling List 14:** (Long a) came, make, brave, late, gave, shape\*\*\* Please make sure your child practices the spelling words every day. They can say-spell-say. (Say the word, spell the word and then say the word again) Doing this in the car is fun as you can make a game out of learning each word, too! **Words to know this week:** four, five, into, over, starts, three, two, watch (please practice reading the words and knowing what they mean.)

**Bible Verse:** “Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice.” Psalm 32:11

**Water Bottle Reminder & nutritious food choice:** Thank you for sending your child to school with fresh water and a nutritious food inside your child’s lunch each day. This helps your child learn and think better.

**Sick or planned absences:** Please make sure you email me at [betty.beall@gobethany.com](mailto:betty.beall@gobethany.com) when your child won't be at school due to an illness. This is a great help when I do attendance in the morning. Please also let me know if your child is being picked up early, if your out of town/someone new is picking up your child or if your child will be out due to a family vacation, etc. I can make plans according so that the absence(s) is/are seamless

Lovingly Serving Him,

*Mrs. Beall*