



Mrs. Fisher's Quarterly News

What we've been up to...

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. Third grade has been very busy this past quarter. It is hard to believe we are already half way through our year.

Math

In math this quarter, we wrapped up two units. The first was on subtraction, and the second one introduced us to the concepts of multiplication and division. In our subtraction unit, we learned about subtracting large numbers, using regrouping when we subtract, and regrouping across zeros. In the second unit, we looked at many strategies for solving multiplication and division problems.

Social Studies

In social studies, we spent time learning about the lives of Pilgrim children, and we compared their lives to our modern day lives. We also took a virtual field trip to Plimoth Plantation where we learned about how the Pilgrims and Native Americans lived.

Religion

During Advent, we worked to prepare our hearts and homes for Jesus's birth. We learned about the symbolism behind the Advent wreath. As we talked about why a wreath is used and what each of the candles means, we worked together to make our very own paper Advent wreaths. We also read *The Legend of the Candy Cane*. This story shows how the candy cane is a symbol of Jesus. We used a poem associated with this legend to create a picture. We finished off Advent by creating a set of Nativity ornaments.

Reading

In reading, our stories had us talking about immigrants and voting. We took a virtual field trip to Ellis Island to see how some of our ancestors may have come to America. Then, we started our Biography Projects. For this project, we used the Who was/Who is book series to read about important people in our world. Each student selected a person who they wanted to learn more about and read their biographies. We took notes as we read and are now working towards making posters that will tell all about our selected people.

Newsworthy Notes...

- ❄ **Please check your child's take home folder and planner nightly.**
- ❄ **Spelling Practice Tests need to be signed by a parent or guardian when they are turned in on their due date in order to get credit.**
- ❄ **Student supplies of pencils and glue sticks are starting to run out. Please check in with your child to see if their supplies need replenishing.**
- ❄ **Please also make sure that your child's school sweatshirts and sweaters are labeled with their first and last name.**

