



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 our unit on subtraction, and started our unit that is introducing 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 our latest unit, we are learning many strategies for solving multiplication and division problems.

Social Studies

In social studies this quarter, we studied economics. In this unit, the students learned that economics is how a country uses its money and resources. We looked at the differences between natural, capital, and human resources, and how people make decisions about their needs and wants.

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 took a break from our reading textbook and read *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* by Barbara Robinson. We explored the topics of characters, plot, and sequence through this chapter book.

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. During the second week of Advent, we learned about and created a Jesse Tree. In this activity we talked about the symbols that were used on our trees. We also read about the Legend of the Candy Cane and copied a poem to remind ourselves that the candy cane is a symbol of Jesus' love for us. We finished off Advent by creating a set of Nativity ornaments.

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.**
- * **Please also make sure that your child's school sweatshirts and sweaters are labeled with their first and last name.**

