

Kindergarten News
Week of January 4-6

It was nice to see all of your children back in school this week. Thank you to all who helped with the Christmas party. Thank you also for the lovely Christmas gifts.

Last week we began a new math unit on addition and subtraction. We are beginning with simply joining together groups of five or less.

In science and literature we began learning about the season of winter. We learned that winter days are colder and shorter, and that sometimes it snows. We talked about what we like to do outside on cold winter days. We made paper snowflakes, and read a book about a bear who was hibernating in his cave and a book about a group of animals who tried to get warm inside a mitten they found in the snow.

In religion we talked about the virtue of gratitude. We read a Bible story about the ten lepers whom Jesus healed, but only one returned to tell him thank you. We also read the Bible story about the wise men who followed the star to find Jesus in a house in Bethlehem.

Next week in phonics we will learn about letter O. Our new sight words are *four*, *five*, and *here*. Please remember to send the ring of sight words back to school so that I can add new flash cards to them.

On WISS Wednesday your child may bring \$2.00 and bring a stuffed animal to school that can sit with them on their desk all day. The money will go to Walk in Sister's Shoes.

We are grateful that our classroom was warm all last week.

We will have a field trip to the Wichita Children's Theater to see a play about Elephant and Piggie, two characters in a series of books that the children love. The first grade class will also be going. This will be on February 9. I will need volunteer parent drivers. You must be virtue trained to go. More details will be coming this week.

Catholic Schools Week will be January 30 to February 3. This is always a fun time for the kids.

My prayer for you this week is based on Matthew 11: 28-30. "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."