

Mrs. Gilbertson's Class

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(The website still says grade 5. We are working on fixing it.)



Dear Families-

This was such a fun week. We kicked the week off with a schoolwide St. Nicholas Day celebration on Monday. The day was full of learning, comradery, creativity, food, and fun. The middle school students, Mrs. Sullivan and I have been diligently working to get a Christmas play put together for all of you. The play will be recorded and emailed this coming week. It has been a pleasure to work with a group of students who were ready to try new things and creatively problem solve. Mrs. Sullivan and I were able to find ways to incorporate every member of our classes into the production. This is certainly a special group of young people.

I pray you all are keeping healthy. Have a relaxing and restful weekend. As always email or text if you have questions or concerns.

God Bless!

-Mrs. Gilbertson

- **St. Nicholas Day from the Student View:**

This week was St. Nicholas' feast day. It was on Monday, December 6. Our school wanted to make it special, so we did various fun activities. Our classroom was a fun coaster making station. Mrs. G provided strands in fun Christmas colors, and we braided them and swirled them together. We glued them to some of Mrs. G's fabric and cut them out into circles. We got fun looking coasters! We had other stations such as origami, cookie decorating and more. Lunch was also provided, we had sloppy Joes. The school and teachers did a good job of making St. Nick's feast day special.

Upcoming Events

December 13

Charity Jean Day

K of C Posters and Slips Dues

December 15

SS8 Chpt. 6 Test

Walking taco lunch

December 16

Christmas Social

*****If students bring treats for the Christmas social, they must be prepackaged. Thank you. ******

"Go forth and set the world on fire."

-St. Ignatius of Loyola

Sneak Peek:

- Coming up this week:
- -Religion – Continue Unit 2: Church History: Timeline construction
- -English Language Arts (ELA) 7/8–Grammar focus Lessons #70 (Proper and Interrogative Adjectives) through #74 (Adverbs of Manner). This week ELA time will be spent polishing and filming the Christmas production. We will also be watching *A Christmas Carol* and comparing the movie to the version of the play we performed. Our study of *Treasure Island* will pick up after the holiday break.
- -Science 8– Continue Chapter 2: Forces. Chapter 2 will be completed after the holiday break. Students can look forward to some fun Christmas themed STEM activities this coming week.
- -Social Studies –Finish Chapter 6: Citizenship and the Constitution. Test on Wednesday.
- **Earth Science 5/6 – We finished Chapter 1: Mapping the Earth's Surface today. Chapter 1 tests will be returned on Monday. Students can look forward to some fun Christmas themed STEM activities this coming week.