

# Divine Mercy Academy Schoolwide Newsletter

*November 26, 2018*

OUR VIRTUE: *Patriotism*

THIS WEEK:

**Saint:** Alphonsus Liguori

**History:** End of Revolutionary War, Declaration of Independence

**Nature Studies:** Measuring matter-density

**Query:** Which phrases of the declaration are most lasting?

## *All School News:*

- This year the students will again participate in Advent Angels. This “Secret Santa Like” activity will be taken care of mostly at school. We’ll send out more information next week!



Please invite your family and friends to the DMA Christmas Nativity Program. December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
6:00pm-8:00pm at DMA.

The Nativity play will be presented by the students of DMA in the gym followed by Hors D'oeuvres and a hot chocolate bar.

**Students need to arrive at 6:00, the Christmas Nativity Program will start at 6:15 and last approximately 30 minutes.**

We are asking DMA families to park at SJV so the DMA parking lot is available for extended family and friends.

# Classroom News

## Volunteer Opportunities:

- If you have hired a cleaning (house/office, windows, upholstery, etc) or yard service in the last 6 months and would be willing to ask them for a donation to our auction, please contact [meg.stout@dmamt.org](mailto:meg.stout@dmamt.org). It's as easy as an e-mail; many of these companies are happy to donate services for a good cause and a marketing opportunity!
- Please also let us know if you know of anyone who could help us acquire MSU game tickets, Big Sky ski passes, a portable gas grill, or gift cards to stores or services in Bozeman, Belgrade or Big Sky. Contact Meg (same e-mail as above). Thanks!
- If anyone has a shepherd staff (or 3) we are in need of them for our nativity play. Please respond to this email if you have one!
- Help set-up the food/beverage areas before the Christmas program and help clean-up after the program. Please watch your inbox for a sign-up later this week

# Classroom News

## K-1 News

**Language Arts:** Our letters this week are A and I. We will also start adding in more vowel sounds, focusing on the long O sound (OA, OW) this week.

**Math:** Students will work on counting groups of coins including dimes, subtraction, naming and drawing shapes, even and odd, and continued math fact practice for First Grade.

**Religion:** Students will wrap up work on loyalty and begin looking at our new virtue, patriotism.

**Art:** As we look at the Declaration of Independence, we'll talk about how handwriting was, and can be, an art. Students will write their names in cursive and turn it into a work of art!

**History:** We'll look at phrases in the Declaration and the Battle of Yorktown (end of the war).

## 2-3 News

**Review these spelling/vocab words** with your student-foe, aloe, doe, tiptoe, tiptoeing, snow, tomorrow, own, oval, Munro, revolution

**Review these concepts in math:**

**G2:** practice mental math adding 10 to any number:  $23+10$ ,  $55+10$

And mental math subtracting 10:  $20-10=$   $33-10=$   $11-10=$

**Both classes:** Look at the time and ask your child what time will it be in one hour

**G3:** counting by halves: 0,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ , 2,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , 3,  $3\frac{1}{2}$

Memorize 0, 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 42, 48, 54, 60 (to the tune of Twinkle Twinkle)

Memory Verse:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

## 4-5 News

**Language Arts:**

- **Grammar:** This week we will be studying helping verbs and diagramming sentences.
- **Writing:** We will continue writing informational texts. This week we will focus thesis statements and further explaining details.
- **Reading:** We will continue reading *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare. This week we will focus on new vocabulary words and comprehension.

**Math:**

**4th-** multiplying 2-digit numbers, parentheses and the Associative Prop., and relating division and multiplication,

**5th-** measuring lengths, classifying quadrilaterals, word problems about fractions of a group, and simplifying mixed numbers

**History:** We will be studying Yorktown and the end of the Revolutionary War. We will read the Declaration of Independence and create a model of the first American flag.

**Nature Studies:** This week we will be studying density. We will be completing two different labs.

**Latin:** In Latin we will be learning ten new vocabulary words and the adjective endings.

## 6-8 News

**Lang. Arts**

- ❖ **Literature** - THE MYSTERY& OF THE PERIODIC TABLE BY BENJAMIN D. WIKER
- ❖ **Poetry** - finish up looking at images and begin looking at metaphor as an element of poetry
- ❖ **Grammar** - commas, semicolons, colons, hyphens, & underlining
- ❖ **Spelling** - Lesson 11
- ❖ **Recitation** - the beginning of the Declaration of Independence for morning assembly on Friday & Twas the Night Before Christmas renditions with recitation/skit on **December 14th** for the middle school students

**Religion** - we will be looking at contracts vs. covenants in relation to Biblical persons throughout salvation history

**History** - we will be reading about some of the early battles of the Revolutionary War (Saratoga, Bunker Hill, & Trenton) & how the war could be viewed as our country's first civil war because colonial loyalists and colonial patriots were pitted against each other

**Latin** - continue learning vocab and working with verbs

**Spelling Words Below**

# Classroom News

4th Grade	5th Grade	
<p><b>(ure pattern)</b></p> <p>pressure</p> <p>closure</p> <p>treasure</p> <p>mixture</p> <p>picture</p> <p>signature</p> <p>density</p> <p>declaration</p> <p>independence</p> <p>proclamation</p> <p>benediction</p> <p>benefit</p> <p>benevolent</p> <p>beneficial</p> <p>benign</p>	<p><b>(homographs)</b></p> <p>scissors</p> <p>desert</p> <p>increase</p> <p>convict</p> <p>finance</p> <p>wound</p> <p>business</p> <p>separate</p> <p>approximate</p> <p>estimate</p> <p>associate</p> <p>certificate</p> <p>navigation</p> <p>density</p> <p>declaration</p> <p>independence</p> <p>proclamation</p> <p>benediction</p> <p>benevolent</p> <p>beneficial</p>	<p><i>Math:</i></p> <p><i>7th Grade: Adding and Subtracting Decimal Numbers, Squares and Squares Roots and Decimal Numbers</i></p> <p><i>8th Grade: Evaluation of Algebraic Expressions, Algebraic terms and Use of Brackets</i></p> <p><i>Science: Study of Density</i></p>

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