

# *Divine Mercy Academy*

## **Schoolwide Newsletter**

*December 10, 2018*

OUR VIRTUE: *Patriotism*

THIS WEEK:

**Saint:** Blessed Martyrs of Compiègne

**History:** Branches of Government, First Presidency

**Nature Studies:** Molecules

**Query:** How were the French and American revolutions alike and different?

### *All School News:*

- Advent Angels: We have asked students to make ornaments for their secret person that will be given on the last day before Christmas break. As other small cards can be made at school until then, we hope you enjoy this fun and creative project with your child! If you're leaving early for break, please let us know so we can try to coordinate ornament exchanges with your child(ren) early.

### *Volunteer Opportunities:*

- Recess Volunteers needed for next semester! This is our greatest need! We are looking for volunteers to watch the students during recess for the second semester (Jan thru May). Morning recess is from 11-11:30 M,T,Th,F, afternoon recess is from 1:30-2 on T,Th. Please contact [dmapto@gmail.com](mailto:dmapto@gmail.com) if you'd like to help and specify which day and recess. Thanks in advance!

# Classroom News

## K-1 News

**Language Arts:** We will work on E in handwriting and then start working through the extra pages in our books. Students get to do a fun activity with the AR sound and then another with IR/ER/UR.

**Math:** We're doing some fun Christmas themed activities that involve problem solving, shapes, and money. Kinders will also work on addition to 10.

**Religion:** We will draw a small nativity and look at the virtues of each of the characters in the scene.

**History:** We'll spend lots of time looking at the 3 branches of our government and George Washington's presidency. Students will also hear briefly about the French Revolution and contrast it with the American one.

## 2-3 News

**Review these spelling/vocab** words with your student- singular nouns and plural nouns

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. a basketball | two basketballs    |
| 2. the child    | three children     |
| 3. the soldier  | four soldiers      |
| 4. Legislative  | Executive Judicial |

**Review these concepts in math:**

**G2:** A.M and P.M, adding 3 numbers, writing fractions, adding 2 digit numbers, dozen, and congruent

**G3:** probability, rectangles, counting up by 7, and area

**Lectio Divina:** Luke 3:10-18

**Memory Verse:** "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

## 4-5 News

**Language Arts:**

- **Grammar:** This week we will start studying mechanics of grammar. We will start with commas and items in a series.
- **Writing:** We will generate new ideas, work on sentence fluency, and work on showing instead of telling.
- **Reading:** We will take a test over *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare this week. We will start working on a theme project.

**Math:**

**4th-** word problems about equal groups, one-digit division with a remainder, the calendar, and prime/composite numbers

**5th-** naming numbers, perimeter of polygons and circles, dividing by multiples of ten, and multiplying by three-digit numbers

**History:** We will be studying George Washington as the first president.

**Nature Studies:** This week we will be studying molecules and the connections atoms can make.

**Latin:** In Latin we will be reviewing vocabulary and grammar.

*Spelling Words Below*

## 6-8 News

*\*Special Note - Our class will celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe on Wednesday, Dec. 12th w/ a nacho bar during lunch.*

**Language Arts:**

- ❖ **Literature:** students will continue reading *The Christmas Carol* with a focus on sensory details that accumulate in a way so that the imaginative world created by the author emerges more clearly
- ❖ **Poetry:** students will continue to learn about the use of metaphor & read the poem "He Wishes for the Cloths of Heaven"
- ❖ **Grammar:** sentence fragments & run-ons and how to correct them
- ❖ **Composition:** student will be learning about topic sentences & clinchers
- ❖ **Spelling:** Lesson 14
- ❖ **Recitation:** *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* - the middle school students have put together a skit which they will perform on **Wednesday, December 12th**, right after morning assembly and recitation will be on **Thursday, December 13th**, right after morning assembly (both the skit and the recitation will take the place of Schola)

**History** - we will read about the first American president & The Bill of Rights

**Latin** - continue learning vocab and working with verbs both Future & Imperfect

4th Grade

5th Grade

# Classroom News

## (et pattern)

ticket  
diet  
puppet  
banquet  
blanket  
gadget  
musket  
poet  
executive  
legislative  
judicial  
molecule  
biologist  
biography  
antibiotic

## (plural changes)

index  
indices  
leaf  
leaves  
fungus  
fungi  
ox  
oxen  
foot  
feet  
bison  
community  
communities  
family  
families  
executive  
legislative  
judicial  
molecule  
biologist

## Math:

*7th Grade: Simplifying Decimal Numbers, Dividing a Decimal by a Whole Number and Writing Decimals in Expanded*

*8th Grade: Equations with Fractional and Decimals Coefficients*

*Science: Making Molecules and using the "HONC" rule to determine maximum number of bonds*