

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
FOURTH GRADE
DECEMBER 15, 2017

Dear Parents,

Christmas Break is here! The children are certainly ready. Hopefully we will all come back refreshed and **well**.

I am sure you have heard plenty about our new Chrome books! Please thank the Rockets Foundation members for this generous gift. Also, our child will need a mouse.

There are a few changes for second semester. First, we will no longer have snacks after recess. This is taking too much time and attention away from work. They are surely used to the late lunch by now. Second, we will not have 3rd recess on a regular basis. If we have all of our work accomplished by 2:00, we may take the recess. Third, the students will need to have 7 points in AR. I am not requiring reading logs to be done over break, but it wouldn't hurt to read and get a head start on those points.

Turning in a Reading Log is not an option. It is required. I have been lenient on this so far. I expect the logs turned in on Monday, but no later than Tuesday. If reading minutes are not met, your child will stay in recess or special classes to do the work. Please make sure your child is reading. I will make sure he/she is taking tests.

From the principal:

Reminder that Mrs. Brogan and Kristi Stevens will be hosting a Scholarship Law meeting on December 18 in the Parish Center at 6:00 pm. Information about this new Illinois Law was sent home last week with all students. Please plan to attend this important informational meeting if possible. These scholarships are for any family that falls into one of the designated income levels set up at that state level. This has nothing to do with the scholarship program already in place at St. Mary's; however it will be a school policy that all families that apply for a scholarship thru the school must apply with the state first. The portal will go live on January 24, 2018. This is when you will need to start applying for the 2018-2019 school year. The meeting on December 18 is a chance to get all of your questions answered.

- A suggestion to continue VBRD in your family homes the rest of the Advent Season, pick a family virtue and as a family work on that virtue between now and the conclusion of Advent. Talk about the virtue daily and how you have worked on that virtue in your daily lives.
- Check out our new and improved website that is now fully operational. www.smsrockets.org

IMPORTANT DATES;

January 3 - Classes resume (if no make-up days needed)

January 8 - Caps due for D of I Classroom Competition

January 12 - Report Cards Sent Home/Noon Dismissal (buses)



Sincerely,
Karen