

# What's New in Second Grade

December 2, 2011

Thanks to everyone who got the kids here to sing for the church. We have heard nothing but praise for their singing, and the congregation really appreciated it.

## A Colonial Christmas

Many of you have asked about our Christmas party. We spend December learning about life in colonial America, with a particular emphasis on how colonists who celebrated Christmas (many did not) would have done so. We make some old-fashioned crafts and foods and learn about the forces that drove the colonists to fight for their freedom. At the end of the teaching unit, the students prepare a presentation about a specific aspect of colonial life. On the last day of school before Christmas break, the children present their reports, which in some cases will include demonstrations. Then we get to eat all of the food that we've made and play *Blind Man's Bluff*. Parents sometimes enjoy watching presentations and playing the games, so let us know if you want to come.

## Book Orders

Sorry this month's book order came home suddenly and with such a short deadline. The order forms did not get to the school until this week, and it needs to be sent in with enough time to get the books before break. Also, there is much more selection if you go to the website and order from there.

## Festival of Carols

This year's Christmas production is December 9, 10 and 11. Several members of the FLA staff are involved, so you will see people you know on stage! Tickets are \$6 and are available in the church office.

## Christmas Eve Service

Christ Community Church's Christmas Eve service is at 6:00 on December 24. This is a very family-friendly service that includes the kids and concludes with candle lighting. Everyone is welcome! Also, there will be church on Christmas Day and New Year's Day at 10:00. Childcare for children who have not started kindergarten will be available for those two services.

## Upcoming Dates

Dec. 19-Jan. 2	Christmas Break
Jan. 3	Back to school
Jan. 16	MLK, Jr.-no school

As always, let us know if we can be in prayer for you and your family!

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