

St. Emydius School Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Sunday, November 29, 2009, began the Season of Advent. It is a time for the Christian world, of which we Catholics are an important part, to prepare for birth of Jesus Christ. I recall every year, during Advent, reading a short story to my class entitled "Teddy Discovers the Meaning of Advent" by Patricia Brennan-Nichols. In this story, a young boy learns what Advent means by experiencing for himself the faith, hope, joy, and love of the season. In the beginning of the story, Teddy was sent to stay with his grandfather because his mother was in the hospital. She would be there through Christmas. His father had to work and could not take care of Teddy. He was really sad because he would not be spending Christmas with his mom and dad. That was probably why Teddy thought his presents were so important this Christmas.

His grandfather decided to teach him the true meaning of the season. Every week, Teddy and Grandfather lit a candle on the Advent wreath. Then they read some passages from the Bible. Some were from Isaiah the prophet, some from St. Paul, and some from St. Matthew's Gospel. They all had to do with darkness and how Jesus brought light to take that darkness away from his people.

Over the weeks, Teddy became less sad. He hardly thought about his own presents at all. Every night, when he lit the Advent candle, he said a prayer for his mother, asking Jesus to make her well.

On the afternoon of Christmas Eve, Teddy's parents told him his mother would be home in just one more week. He was sure Jesus had answered his prayers. This really has been the best Christmas ever for Teddy. but not the way he expected it to be.

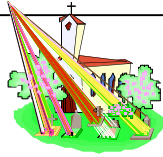
In sharing this story with you, it is my hope that we prepare ourselves in a positive way. In a time of turmoil, wars, fires, violence, unemployment, illness, and death, we need to stress the positive side of life and be grateful for the little rays of hope which shine in our midst.

Let us take time out of our busy schedules to prepare ourselves in a special way for the coming of Jesus, our Savior, so that we may find peace and comfort during this special time of the season.

Sincerely,

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CLASS MASS.....

The weekly Class Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 1st at 8:00 a.m. Grades 4 and 3 will be in charge. All parents are invited to attend. Our weekly Masses are a good opportunity to do something extra during the season of Advent and prepare ourselves for Christmas.

THANK YOU.....

Thank you to all who prepared and helped at the special Thanksgiving Lunch for our students. This special event is always enjoyed by all of our students and staff.

THANK YOU ALSO.....

to Ms. Ponce and the Student Council for all of their hard work collecting food for the needy last week. Thank you also to the students for contributing to this project. May God bless you for all that you do!

NO SCHOOL.....

School will not be in session on Friday, December 4. This day is scheduled as an Inservice Day for all teachers.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO.....**

Ryan Calderon	K	11/30
Julian Moctezuma	1	12/2
Sebastian Araujo	2	11/30
Sarai Figueroa	2	12/6
Christian Caceres	5A	11/30
Danielle Medina	6	12/2
Patricia Contreras	7	12/4
Maybelly De Leon	7	12/4
Bryan Ceballos	8A	12/1
Elizabeth Wolf	8A	11/30
Carlos Felix	8B	12/1
Eric Ochoa	8B	12/3
Christopher Tinoco	8B	12/3
Rosa Viveros	8B	12/2

ABCs Of Student Success
M is for MONEY

Children can start learning about money at a young age. Parents can help very young kids understand how money is used by letting them hand money to a cashier. Some children will be able to make choices about how to spend money as they learn that it is a limited resource. Older children can compare prices. (How much can be saved by buying a generic-brand cereal?) Kids also need to learn about saving money. Young kids might use a "piggy bank" while older children will learn about interest by setting up a real bank account.'

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PUNCTUALITY.....

Please have your child/ren in school on time each day. Teaching children punctuality is of the utmost importance.