



## Third Grade Happenings St. John Neumann School December 2011

### Religion

Advent means "coming". We should use these four weeks to prepare our hearts and our lives for the coming of Jesus. Advent is a time of hope. We focus on the promise that God made to His people and how that promise was fulfilled in Jesus. We await not only the celebration of Jesus' coming into the world, but also look forward to His coming at the end of time. "*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.*" John 1



### Reading

#### Open Court: *Wildlife*

When most students think of wildlife in a natural setting, they think of wild animals in jungles, forests, national parks or refuges. They do not realize that wildlife, both animals and plants, can survive and flourish in cities filled with cars, tall buildings, and lots of people. The selections for this unit, fiction and nonfiction, focus on various species of plants and animals that have adapted to an urban habitat. As students explore the selections and pursue their investigation, they will become more aware of the wildlife around them, and of the problems and rewards involved in humans sharing habitats with wildlife.

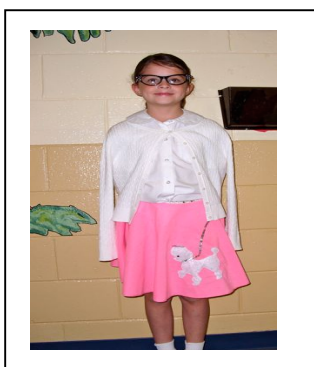
**AR:** The students did an excellent job in completing the 1<sup>st</sup> marking period's requirements. The 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period will end January 13<sup>th</sup>. Since there will be only 9 days left of the marking period when students return from Christmas vacation it would be in their best interest if almost all AR books had been read and tested before Christmas vacation.

**AR Requirements:** 10 AR tests taken and passed with an average reading level of 3.3 OR 18 points if approved by the teacher.

### Rock and Roll Sock Hop



A HUGE thank you to the moms and grandparents who helped create our wonderful auction items and the families who purchased them.



## Math Topic 10



### Solids and Shapes

Geometric figures: two- and three dimensional objects with or without curved surfaces can be described, classified, and analyzed by their attributes.

### Multiplication Facts:



We will continue to practice and master our multiplication facts. Please review these facts nightly. Consistent practice guarantees improvement. Timed tests will be given.

## Science



### Food Chains

We will be learning all about food chains and food webs. Who is closer to the top, an eagle or a bird? Be sure to check with your child at the end of our unit to see if you were correct.



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## SC History South Carolina Long Ago



We are learning that different Native American groups were the first people to settle in what is now South Carolina. We will examine the similarities and differences between several Native American cultures. We will then explore how Europeans discovered our state, and how they affected the lives of Native Americans.

### DI - The Parking Lot

Thinking takes time. The Parking Lot gives students wait time for coming up with questions and more wait time before a response is given. When wait time is increased the quality of student responses increases.



Spelling  
Stations

