**Merry Christmas First Grade Families!**

What a fun week we had! We wrapped up so many things: Our Christmas program, Christmas Around the world, Christmas Journals, gifts for our families, math facts, evens and odds, and more! We were so very busy and definitely had fun! It was an amazing thing to share our story with all of you on Wednesday! I did not like sitting behind the group at first because I wanted to see them myself. I quickly realized what a blessing it was. To see the faces of everyone watching the children was so incredible. It is a joy to know their faith and see it each day but to watch it affect and bless a church filled with parents, friends, and family was very special. Thank you all for all you did to support and help us during this busy time! Thank you also to those who volunteered to help with Friday’s party.

I pray that you have a relaxing and fun Christmas Break. This time of year makes me think of the love that God has for us that he would send his son to our Earth to save us from our sins. I am blessed to be able to teach that message and many other things to your children every day. Thank you for caring, celebrating, and encouraging them to grow each day of the year. Have a very Merry Christmas and I wish you all the best in 2014!

Make sure you are all reading each day- but enjoy your time off. Spelling and Memory and all that good stuff will resume when we return in January!

Happy Holidays!!

Mrs. Schneider.

