

# Mrs. Wilson's Fourth Grade Newsletter

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## Christmas Cheer

The Christmas tree farms are now empty. I am not alone in wanting to embrace the season, early and strong. That's the only explanation I have for the holiday crafts and Christmas stories to be read, watched and written to match the traditional sing along. We'll even have guest middle schoolers join some of our zooms this week to give presentations on the history of some traditional Christmas stories. In class we are reading a modern classic, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever". We'll watch the Hallmark movie version on Thursday and compare the text to the dramatic interpretation (That's a common core standard!!). Check out <http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RL/4/7/>

Some of our activities don't hit any learning standard at all. We just want to spend time together, have fun and celebrate the season. Please encourage your fourth grader to keep the craft items in the paper bag from pick up/drop off Friday so supplies are ready when we need them. Our candle making day would be easier with a hair dryer. Our Gingerbread House day will require bowls, fork, spatula and water. If it all falls apart, no worries, we'll just eat it.

Thank you to Elicia Howell and Danica Kustok for organizing our Christmas Party in a Bag and to Alexandra Thompson for organizing our Scholastic Book Club Orders. Thank you everyone, for sharing your children with me. Merry Christmas. Cheers to the year ahead!

### We will craft together during our zooms.

Here are YouTube videos with directions to watch, just in case you want to replicate for whole family fun.

Monday, candle making using beeswax sheets

[https://youtu.be/\\_f-HYo8qsaQ](https://youtu.be/_f-HYo8qsaQ)

<https://youtu.be/Hln891O93rE>

<https://youtu.be/jgpBuazBWiY>

<https://youtu.be/-BBzpz3o1IE>

Tuesday, gingerbread houses using graham crackers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gt7cBo9VdhQ>

Wednesday, decorating wooden ornaments

Thursday, creating ornament wreaths with pipe cleaner and beads  
<https://youtu.be/DR0ZftuqhmI>

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" movie  
<https://youtu.be/icZwm6Aact8>

### Dates to Remember:

**OLG Student Council Sponsored  
St. Vincent DePaul Advent  
Item and Food Drive**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HeFeL-Uz0DDs0zop0i4xy4P-nqa6imB3/view?usp=sharing>

**Saturday, 12-12:** Parish OLG Feast Day drop in.

<https://olgseattle.org/events/our-lady-of-guadalupe-feast-day-drop-in>

**Wednesday, 12-16:** Sing a long, in zoom.

**Friday, 12-18:** Half Day, no pickup/drop off, Merry Christmas!

**Monday, 1-4-2021:** Back to Class!