

BRADFORD BULLETIN

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Field Trip to see the ballet *The Nutcracker*, Dec. 16th
- **Senior Chapel at the Mebane REC-Center:** We have been asked to do the chapel service for the senior lunch on Dec. 19th. at 10:30 AM. (SEE INSIDE)
- Last day before Christmas break: **Dec. 19th**
- Items to donate: Kleenex and disinfectant wipes.
- **MEMORY WORK:**
 - This week: Mat. 6: 9 - 11
 - Next week: Mat. 6:12 - 13
 - 1st Grade - *Mr. Nobody*

SPECIAL PRAYER

- CESM Board Meeting Monday, Dec. 8th. Please pray for wisdom as we make plans for the new year!
- Please pray for increased interest in our community. We would love to see the number of families from outside Grace Reformed increase and become part of the Bradford adventure!
- Please pray for increased giving. These first few years will be lean but we trust that God will supply



LEARNING FRACTIONS



The students continue to strive. This week, our resident photographer visited while our first graders were busy practicing fractional parts of a group. The white board slates and dry erase markers make for a modern version of an age old classroom practice. I called out, "What fraction of the students are wearing black (or long sleeves, or jumpers, etc.?)" They would respond on the slate.

Language Arts

The Kindergarten students continued with more phonics rules and sounds, especially the short vowel sound for U. We read a pioneer story called, *The Rig Ran On*. This historical fiction is set in the great American western expansion. First grade added several new phonetic letter combinations including ew/ue and both sounds of OO. We also continue to read and practice our spelling. We are adding

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a new spelling list each week. Please remember to review at home.

Math

Our Kindergarten class worked on counting by twos, subtracting 1's and 0's, and subtracting a number from itself. We're making great progress.

MUSIC

This week we discuss George Frideric Handel and his most popular work, *The Messiah*. The students seem to be enjoying it immensely. I wouldn't be surprised to find our students trying to impress you with their rendition of an aria. (I should remind you that this Sunday, a performance of selections from *The Messiah* will take place at Mebane Presbyterian by the Mebane Community Choir. It is usually done very well. I have taken Avonlea for the last several years, and she has always enjoyed it. It is well worth attending.)

Thank you for your continuing prayer and support. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need clarification regarding assignments or anything we are doing in class. Please consider having your child practice tying shoe laces and using scissors (not at the same time). All the students could use practice with these fine motor skills. Peace and Grace!

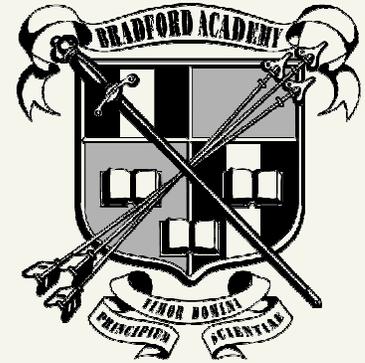
Senior Chapel

Friday, Dec. 19th

Depart 10:15 \ Return 11:15

We have been asked to do the Friday chapel for Mebane seniors at the Rec-Center. The students will sing and recite as I do a short devotional. The students will be singing the following:

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
O' Come All Ye Faithful
Joy to the World
We Wish You a Merry Christmas



The Nutcracker

Tuesday, Dec. 16th

Depart 11:50 \ Return 2:30

We plan on attending a students' presentation of *The Nutcracker* performed by Walkerdance Ballet Theater on Tuesday, December 16th at 12:30pm. The performance begins at 12:45 and should be concluded by 2:00. It will be at McCrary Theater in the Fine Arts Center on the campus of Elon University.

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Matt. 6:9-13

In this manner, therefore, pray:
 Our Father in Heaven,
 Hallowed be your name.
 Your kingdom come.
 Your will be done.
 On earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our debts,
 As we forgive our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 But deliver us from the evil one.
 For yours is the kingdom
 And the power and the glory
 forever. Amen

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentlemen,

 Let nothing you dismay,

 For Jesus Christ our Savior

 Was born upon this day,

 To save us all from Satan's power

 When we were gone astray:

O tidings of comfort and joy,

comfort and joy,

O tidings of comfort and joy.

Psalm 75:1

We give thanks to You,
 O God, we give thanks!
 For your wondrous works
 declare that your name is near.

Psalm 92:1

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
 And to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

O, Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and
 triumphant, O come ye, O come
 ye, to Bethlehem. Come and
 behold Him, born the King of
 angels;

O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him,
 Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born
 this happy morning;
 Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
 Word of the Father, now in flesh
 appearing.

O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him,
 Christ the Lord.

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world, the Lord is
 come!
 Let earth receive her King;
 Let every heart prepare Him
 room,
 And Heaven and nature sing,
 And Heaven and nature sing,
 And Heaven, and Heaven, and
 nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and
 grace,
 And makes the nations prove
 The glories of His righteousness,
 And wonders of His love,
 And wonders of His love,
 And wonders, wonders, of His
 love.

**Exodus 15:2**

The LORD *is* my strength and song,
 and He has become my salvation;
 He *is* my God, and I will praise Him;
 my father's God, and I will exalt Him.

