

BRADFORD BULLETIN

BRADFORD ACADEMY'S PARENT UPDATE



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Classes resume Monday, January 5th, 2008**
- Items to donate: thumbtacks, Kleenex, and disinfectant wipes.

SPECIAL PRAYER

- 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 our needs and the need for financial aid.

T WAS THE DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS BREAK...

*...and all through the place
Every student was dreaming
With a smile his face...*

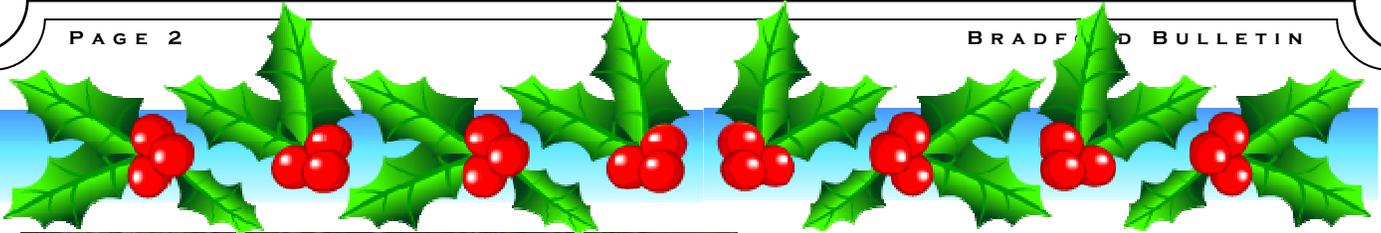
The students have been tremendously excited all week. Tuesday, we were blessed by the opportunity to experience a cultural event. Our own Veronica Newsome performed in the Nutcracker ballet. We were especially thrilled to see her and enjoyed all the wonderful colors and costumes. We had studied Tchaikovsky in music class during the last two weeks. It made the experience especially fun as the

students were able to recognize much of the music. I was very pleased with our students' behavior at the performance they seemed very attentive and polite. The picture below was taken in the lobby of McCrary theater at Elon University right after the performance. A special thanks go to our driver/chaperones and Jennifer Newsome who set up this field trip for us!

Friday we sang and recited for Mebane seniors at the Mebane Arts and Recreation Center. We returned to a



THE NUTCRACKER: Tuesday Afternoon at the Theater
We enjoyed seeing our fellow student, Veronica, perform in the ballet!



delightful lunch and Christmas Party! Much fun was had by all.

We were able to do a few productive things amid all the excitement this week. Our 1st grade students read *Howard Saves a Hound*, a short story of a medieval hunt. The students have added both sounds for OW to their repertoire as well as soft C. Kindergarten learned hard C and the letter K. They also read a fun story about the chaos that ensues when animals led in a Roman triumphal parade get loose. The illustrations are especially interesting as they are drawn to look like classical mosaics.

History class saw us reviewing some of our past discussions of God's working in raising up empires to rule over his people. I was able to recount the story of

the rise and fall of Julius Caesar and then the rise of Octavian (or Caesar Augustus). We were then able to switch the Biblical account of Christ's birth. My hope is to help set Biblical event in their historical in context. Before I relayed the story of Christ's birth, I had discussed how Herod had supported Marc Anthony against Octavian and then had to do some real political work when Anthony was defeated. I then told them about these mysterious men that came to visit Herod and told them that a king had been born in his kingdom. It was fun to watch the kids as lights started to go on as they realized these were the wise men that had come to look for Jesus!

Math skills moved up a notch as we are now doing subtraction. During the break be sure to spend

Ideas for Your Last Minute Shopping!

Stocking stuffers are a great way to restock your child's classroom supplies. Here are a few ideas...

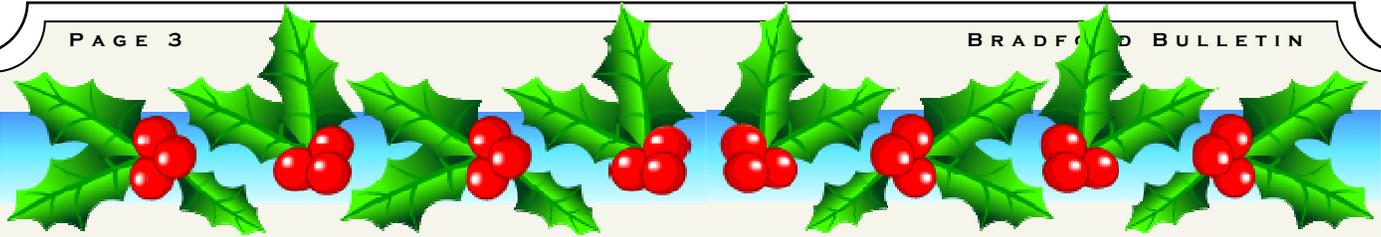
LOW ODOR Expo Markers, pencil top erasers, glitter pens, gel pens, six pack of Crayola crayons (primary colors pack), highlighters, and unique or fancy pencils.

some time doing academic work to keep the kids sharp. Please see the enclosed Math News for a few math ideas. Don't forget to have your child read to you as well. Thank you notes are also a good way to practice writing skills.

I'll be off to Canada to spend the holidays with my family. If you need anything, feel free to email as I will be in checking in occasionally. I hope your family has a wonderful and relaxing holiday. I plan on spending much time with my feet up basking in the warm pleasures of Christmas amid the joyful squeals of my kids and their cousins. I hope you can find much joy too! Have a very merry Christmas and a Happy NEW Year!

Grace and Peace!

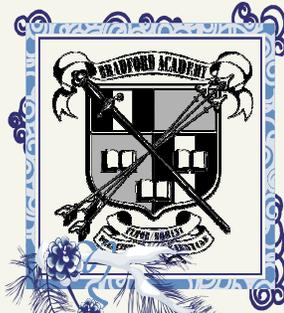
**...thou shalt call his name JESUS:
for he shall save his people from their sins.**



Don't forget to practice our memory verse...

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



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**God Rest Ye
Merry Gentlemen**

God rest ye merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior
Was born 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.*



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