

***Classroom News**

St. Margaret Mary Catholic School

Grade 1

December 9, 2011

*Sunday was the Second Sunday of Advent. We are in the beginning of the church year. Advent is a season of many symbols. The wreath is round, and shows us that God has no beginning or end. It is also made of



evergreens to remind us that God's love is "ever green." He will always love us. The four candles tell of the 4 Sundays of

Advent. We try to ready our hearts for the coming of Jesus by helping, sharing, and caring for others.

*We are at the end of our first hard cover reading book. Our final story is, "Sweet Potato Pie.

There is a sweet potato pie recipe with today's newsletter.



Please practice the vocabulary words that have been sent home as a review for the upcoming assessment.

*In math we are working with teen totals, or sums. One way to solve these is to make a 10 and then add the ones. For example: $9+6$ becomes $10+5$. For some students this is a good strategy to solve problems.

*This month we look at the 4th commandment. Simply put, we show respect for Jesus, others and ourselves. Each of us is trying very hard to do kindnesses for others to help us prepare for the birth of Jesus.

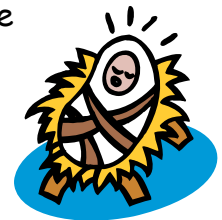
*Please study the weekly spelling words with your child. It is also a good idea to have your child write them. Sometimes what is said is not what is written down.

Spellingcity.com is a website where you can input the spelling words and they will give you activities to do.

*Please join us for the Christmas concert on Thursday, December 15, at 6:30. If that doesn't work, come to the dress rehearsal that afternoon at 1:00.



*Stop by the trophy case at the front door. The students wrote about what they would give to the baby Jesus.



*God's blessings to you and your family!