**Third Grade Newsletter**

**December 20, 2019**

**Special holiday gift**

Your child has created a special gift for you. Please be aware that it is breakable and must be hand washed (not dishwasher safe.) These gifts came home today in a bag decorated by your child. We hope you enjoy!

**Social Studies Update**

This week we finished our unit on ancient Rome. To finish our unit, we took a day “field trip” to Rome where we toured classic Roman destinations. After that, we jumped into a time machine and travelled back in time to experience the daily life of a Roman. Students dressed the part and enjoyed a typical Roman feast. Students feasted on figs (Fig Newtons), grapes, honey (honey buns), olive oil and fresh bread, goat cheese crackers, pomegranate arils, and pomegranate juice. Finally, they pretended to be Roman soldiers and used the shields they created to practice the “turtle formation” used by the Roman army.

**Thank you**

Thank you for all of the wonderful holiday gifts! It is very kind of you to think of us. Thank you!

**Blogs**

Have you read your child’s blog lately? Please take a minute to read your child’s blog. Young writers love to receive comments on their writing! You can access their blogs at

[**http://blogs.fredericksburgacademy.org/thirdgrade/**](http://blogs.fredericksburgacademy.org/thirdgrade/)

**Reminders:**

* **Does your child need to use cough drops? Please send them in a ziplock bag labeled with your child’s name. All cough drops must be kept in the nurse’s office and dispensed by her. Thank you for your support.**
* **Students are encouraged to read and log their minutes over the break. ☺**

**Important Dates**

**December 23-**

**January 3 ------- Winter Break**

**January 6 --------Classes resume**

**January 20-------Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

 **No school**

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**November 11**  **Wear a green, blue or FA shirt!**

**November 18 International Club after school**

 **Junior Master Gardeners after school**

**(students will select one to attend)**

**November 25 11:45 a.m. dismissal**

**November 26-30 No School**

**December 18 Lower School Holiday Program 11:45 a.m. dismissal**