



Fifth Grade Weekly Newsletter  
December 5-December 9  
Week 14



**PRAISE THE LORD THE LIGHTS STAYED ON!** You did an amazing job sharing the gospel through Splash Kingdom! I am so proud of you guys! Thanks again to Ms. Ricki and Mrs. Ferris for organizing our reception and for cleaning up! (I am sure I was in bed asleep before they left GHB!)

Thank you to Chris, Cameron and Jessica for purchasing goodies for our little Pepper. Her cage looks like it has had an extreme make-over☺!

We are busy making fabulous Christmas presents for our families. If you have a favorite picture you would like to use for one of our crafts, please bring it in; otherwise we will use one of your school pictures from this year.

Beginning December 11, you will need one small gift per day (example: a candy cane, a pencil, etc.) and on December 21 you will need 1 gift that costs no more than \$5...WHY?...Stay in school and you'll find out!☺

This week you will learn:

- About our friends to the North—The Canadians

**To Do List:**

1. Dry Erase Markers
2. Make sure your books are covered and you have all of the school supplies you need

**Who was I?**

I was Rosa Parks who reminds us of the bus boycott that started on December 1, 1955 and did not end until December 20, 1956—that is more than a YEAR later! The boycott ended with Supreme Court decision *Browder v. Gayle* which said segregating buses was unconstitutional.

**Who can tell me...?**

For 2 tickets, be the first person to tell me:

What (who) are in the two pictures/phrase on this page and why are the pictures significant?

**Lesson Plans for Week 14:**

**Bible:**

Memorize Luke 2:6-7

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Chapter 14, Test Friday

**Spelling:**

IN CLASS SPELLING BEE—WEDNESDAY;

SCHOOL SPELLING BEE THURSDAY at 10:30

Chapter 14, Test Thursday

**Math:**

Fractions, Test Friday

**Reading:**

Brian's Winter

Book Report Due December 21

**Language:**

Pronouns, Test Friday

Poem due December 20

**Life Science:**

Chapter 1—Classification

**History:**

Canada

**Writing:**

Letter Writing

P.E. Wednesday and Friday

Presidential Fitness

**Spanish:**

Review Unit 2, Test 12/13 Study p. 172 and Conjugating

**Music:**

Christmas Carols

**Character Trait Award Spotlight:**

Zion demonstrates truthfulness by being willing to tell the truth even if he might get into trouble as a result. I am so proud of your willingness to be honest.

# Room L's Blog

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

from <http://songsandhymns.org/hymns/detail/angels-we-have-heard-on-high>

**Hymn Story:** The French carol "*Les anges dans nos campagnes*," now known as "Angels We Have Heard on High," is completely anonymous. It has always been printed with no known lyricist or composer.

The beautiful carol tells the story of Christ's birth, when the angel choir told the good news to nearby shepherds. The chorus, "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," reflects the chorus of the angel choir that long-ago Christmas night.

Many years ago shepherds in the hills of southern France had a Christmas Eve custom of calling to one another, singing "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," each from his own hillside. The traditional tune that the shepherds used may have been from a late Medieval Latin chorale. It became the magnificent chorus of "Angels We Have Heard on High."

The carol seems to be of eighteenth-century origin, since it was known in England by 1816. At that time James Montgomery wrote his carol "Angels From the Realms of Glory", originally basing it on the tune of "*Les anges dans nos campagnes*." "Angels From the Realms of Glory" was sung to the French tune until Henry Tomas Smart wrote a new tune for it in 1967.

"Angels We Have Heard on High" was first published in France in 1855. The English translation came seven years later, in Henri Frederick's *Crown of Jesus Music*. This 1862 translation differed from the form we use now. The version we use today was first printed in a 1916 American carol collection entitled *Carols Old and Carols New*.