

# Happy New Year!!!



It is January 2012; we strive to do our very best in school!

On Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, the fourth graders will be responsible for the all school Mass. Everyone is always welcome.

We have completed a fantasy story in reading class called, "The Stranger", by Chris Van Allsburg. Please continue to review reading vocabulary words sent home. Our next story is "Adelina's Whales."

Book reports begin again in January. The genre of choice this month is fantasy. Book reports are due Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Many fourth graders have met their AR goal for second quarter. Please check with your child to see if he or she has. Mrs. Shaw will begin an "AR After School Club" for those students having difficulty making their goal. Fourth graders attend the library every Monday. We have a twenty minute quiet reading time after lunch each day to help students achieve their goals.

Social studies class is revolving around explorers, waterways, the fur trade, and a little about the French and Indian war. We will have our chapter four test later in January. Students are welcome to take books home anytime as long as they bring them back for class.

Science class continues to revolve around electricity. We will be attending the science lab in January to work on our closed circuits.

Here's to a blessed and wonderful new year!!!!!!!

Ms. Updegraff