



# BRADFORD BULLETIN

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:



- 12/23 to 1/3 Christmas Break
- 01/10 School Spelling Bee
- 01/20 MLK NO SCHOOL
- 01/21 NC Symphony
- 02/13 Grandparents' Day
- 02/14 Workday NO CLASSES
- 02/17 Presidents' Day — NO School

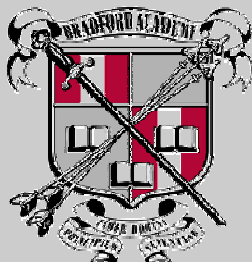
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## WE WISH YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!



## EARLY ENROLLMENT FOR 2014/2015

The APPLICATION FEE will be waived for all new applications for the 2014/2015 school year if it is received by our office or postmarked before January 1st, 2014.

Applications can be found here:

<http://bradfordacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/application.pdf>



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# From the Teacher's Desk

## KINDERGARTEN

**Math:** Writing numbers using words; identifying pairs; covering a design with geometric shapes and recording on a graph; ordinal numbers to 26th, corresponding to the alphabet.

**Phonics:** Short "o" in the middle of words. Began *Pepin the Not-Big*. Discussed Pepin (really called Pepin the Short) who was the father of Charlemagne (who was exceedingly tall).

**History:** Ministry of Christ; finished *One Wintry Night* by Ruth Bell Graham.

**Music:** Did hand games to practice rhythm; introduced songs for Grandparents' Day and NC Symphony visit.

**Art:** Talked about how symmetry makes art beautiful; created symmetrical Christmas trees and snowflakes.

**P.E.:** Sharpening our throwing skills using soccer balls and hula hoops.

**Science:** None this week due to Christmas party.

**Hymn:** Angels from the Realms of Glory

**Verse:** Isaiah 9:6-7 and verse review.

## 1ST GRADE

**Math:** This was a very exciting week in first grade! The long awaited 100 fact sheet has arrived. The students have done a great job adjusting to increased amount of problems and seem to be enjoying the challenge. We also worked on fractions and adding two-digit numbers using a variety of methods. **The next math test will on 1/10/14.**

**Phonics:** IE as long e, alphabetical order, compound words, adding ING to words ending in e, final LY and reading comprehension activities.

**Reading:** We are still enjoying reading *b* by E.B. White as a class.

**Grammar:** Pronouns.

**Spelling:** Compound words. **The next spelling test will be on 1/9/14.**

**History:** This week first grade reviewed the coming of Christ from the Old Testament promises of a messiah to the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**Music:** Introduced songs for Grandparents' Day and NC Symphony visit; continued listening to story about Handel.

**Art:** This week first grade worked on a poinsettia project for Christmas.

**P.E.** Bradford Boot camp

**Verse:** Psalm 1 and Isaiah 9:6-7.

## 2ND GRADE

**Math:** Writing Division Problems in Three Ways, Dividing by 10, by 7, and by 1, Identifying Quotients, Subtracting 2, Differences of 2, Using Guess and Check to Solve a Problem, Measuring With Cups, Tablespoons, and Teaspoons, Reading a Recipe, Writing a Part of a Set as a Fraction

**History:** Famine in Egypt

**Grammar:** States and Capitals

**Phonics:** VCV Syllable Division

**Spelling:** -u, -oo, and Review Words

**Reading:** *Owls in the Family*

**Science:** Combustion Methods and By-Products, Chemical vs. Physical Reactions

**Latin:** Christmas Vocabulary

**Music:** Introduced songs for Grandparents' Day and NC Symphony visit; discussed time signature.

**P.E.:** Bradford Boot camp

**Art:** Second grade worked on poinsettia sketch.

**Verse:** Psalm 32:5,6

## 3RD GRADE

**Math:** **Line of symmetry, reflections,** Elapsed time and multiplication fact drills.

**Reading:** We continued our dive into Greek mythology with *D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths*.

**History:** This week our students discussed the Jews return to Jerusalem under Nehemiah.

**Grammar:** Reviewed jingles and the question-answer flow. Practiced subject verb agreement.

**Verse:** I Thess. 4:9-12

**Latin:** Chapter 15 - Focus on sentence patterns - a nice grammar review. Added 10 more nouns to our vocabulary.

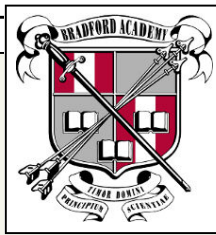
**Science:** This week we went over the different parts of an atom.

**P.E.:** Bradford Boot camp

**Art:** Since Christmas is drawing near (!), we cut out nativity silhouettes and put them on a tissue paper collage.

**Music:** Introduced songs for Grandparents' Day and NC Symphony visit.





## 5TH GRADE

**Math:** Our next Math test will be the Tuesday following Christmas break on lessons cumulative through 50. Please encourage your son or daughter to continue practicing math drills over the break to keep their skills sharp.

**History:** The week we come back from Christmas break we will be studying King John and the Magna Carta!

**Verse:** After break we will continue with memorizing the Beatitudes with Matthew 5:5-6

**Literature:** This week we enjoyed reading *The Door in the Wall* in small reading groups.

**Spelling:** When we return from break we will be studying Lesson 14, "a-w" and "a-u". \*\*The Spelling Bee will take place the week we return from Christmas Break. We have been focused on our new Spelling curriculum in school and haven't spent time in preparations for the Bee. Please be sure to have your son or daughter spend time over break studying all grades word lists to be prepared when we return. To help locate it in your email inbox, the list was e-mailed to you on December 5 by Ms. Windes.\*\*

**Writing:** The students wrote persuasive paragraphs using three points and supporting examples.

**Grammar:** After finishing the tests on capitalization and punctuation, we reviewed what we have learned this semester. Their next test will not be until after Christmas break.

**Music:** Introduced songs for Grandparents' Day and NC Symphony visit; practice all of pg. 13 and pg. 28 #5-8 (total of 30 minutes over the break).

**Science:** This week we did a demonstration to see how hot liquids dissolve more solute than cold liquids. We also made edible water molecules.

**Art:** The Mayflower models are nearly finished! All that is left is rigging and other extra details.

**P.E. -** Bradford Boot camp

## 5TH GRADE

**Math:** Decimal Number Line; Dividing by a Fraction; Review; Test; Displaying Data.

**History:** We began the French and Indian War this week, but will finish learning about its characters, battles, and adventures in January. The test

will be after break.

**Reading:** This week we finished *Voyage to Freedom*, leaving our tired but eager characters recently landed in the New World and anxious for what it might hold.

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**Verse:** Psalm 51:15-16

## 6TH GRADE

**Math:** This week we studied lessons 47-49 and did an investigation.

**History:** This week we studied the Transcontinental Railroad.

**Literature:** The students finished *A Christmas Carol*. We will start *Around the World in 80 Days* after the break.

**Grammar-** This week the students learned about quotation rules. They took a test on Wed.

**Writing -** The students studied a new unit of vocabulary.

**Science-** This week we learned about chromatography and how we can separate pigments.

**P.E. -** Bradford Boot camp

**Logic-** This week we learned about circular reasoning.

**Music:** Introduced songs for Grandparents' Day and NC Symphony visit.

**Art:** Since Christmas is approaching, the students created a silhouette collage of Bethlehem and the Nativity scene.

**Memory Verse -** Too many students were missing this week so we decided not to progress through Ephesians.

