

## December 5, 2011

Last week, our teachers had the opportunity to learn about teaching vocabulary to students of all ages, courtesy of Ms. Chris, our Curriculum Consultant. This week, our three elementary lead teachers (Emma, Stephanie and Jen Smith) are at the Tennessee Reading Association conference in Nashville. They will return on Wednesday. There has been much project-based learning going on throughout the school. On Friday, the Upper Elementary students presented their work on rocks and minerals. The fourth graders had impressive PowerPoint productions.

Lower Elementary students' Native American projects are on the hallway bulletin board for you to see (who knew such young children could teach us so much?). Middle School pupils have produced a bulletin board reflecting the mock-trial they held for the infamous General John Chivington, a controversial figure from the American West. You will have to read their bulletin board to see their verdict.



### Upcoming Events:

<u>Monday, December 5:</u>	Middle School library visit
<u>Monday, December 5:</u>	Tortilla Day in Preschool
<u>Tuesday, December 6:</u>	Tortilla Day in Preschool
<u>Friday, December 9:</u>	Middle School Community Service at Volunteer Ministries
<u>Tuesday, December 13:</u>	Drama Club Talent Show 2:00pm
<u>Wednesday, December 14:</u>	Piano Recital 7:00pm
<u>Thursday, December 15:</u>	Lower Elementary sings at Heritage Assisted Living
<u>Thursday, December 15:</u>	Upper Hosts Madrigal Singers and Holiday Tea
<u>Friday, December 16:</u>	Preschool 1 Holiday Party
<u>Friday, December 16:</u>	Upper Elementary Gingerbread House Day
<u>Saturday, December 17:</u>	Parent's Night Out
<u>Monday, December 19:</u>	Preschool 2 Holiday Party
<u>Monday, December 19:</u>	Middle School Gingerbread House Day
<u>Tuesday, December 20:</u>	Toddler Holiday Party
<u>Tuesday, December 20:</u>	Middle School Poetry Reading
<u>Tuesday, December 20:</u>	NO EXTENDED DAY
<u>Wednesday, December 21:</u>	Winter Holidays begin - no school
<u>Wednesday, December 21:</u>	American Girl Holiday Camp
<u>Tuesday, January 3:</u>	Hand's On Science Camp
<u>Wednesday, January 4:</u>	First day back to school after Winter Holidays



This week, the Preschool students are making unbelievably yummy tortillas with Ms. Roselia while Middle School students continue their book, crafts and toy drive for the Volunteer Ministry Center's Holiday Store.

