

## What Our Newspaper Project Looked Like

**As a class, when we found out that we were not able to put our Christmas stories in the local newspaper this year, we decided that we would create our own! It took about 4 weeks of planning, prepping, and creating to eventually finish the project. We decided to share what our process looked like, and a pdf version of The Christmas Gazette for everyone to enjoy.**

In Language Arts, we started by writing out our Christmas stories. We brainstormed together about what we wanted to show in our newspaper and what we could add to make it more authentic. We spent some math classes figuring out how much supplies we would need for a newspaper and how many copies we would need. We wrote letters to copying companies and our school to determine prices for paper, copying, and styles of bindings.

**We found out how much everything would cost by using our newfound knowledge in multiplying decimals. We came up with a budget of how much we needed for the cost of printing, and a party to go with it (just like the previous years with the newspaper).**

In order to come up with the money, we wrote letters to small businesses asking for support in this project. The letters were sent out to about 10-15 companies. We also wrote letters to our high school foods teacher and local restaurants to find out the pricing for pizza.

**While waiting to hear about the sponsorships, we split into groups to work on extra details to add to our newspaper. We had 5 groups working:**

- 1. Games/Activities**
- 2. Recipes**
- 3. Comics**
- 4. News**
- 5. Artwork**

**We gathered all of the materials and Mr. Rothfus scanned and added the items into the newspaper.**

During this process, we had the grade 5s draw pictures about Christmas that would normally be shown in The Capital. We named our newspaper The Christmas Gazette and the artwork on the front and back were created by the artwork group (the initials of all of the grade 5s and 6s are on the front cover in ornaments).

**At the beginning of our project, we decided that with any extra money, we would find an organization to give the money towards. We did research in small groups on several different organizations. All of the organizations we looked at were organizations that donate towards people in need around the world. We looked at the percentage of each donation that goes directly to the people and what percentage was needed for company expenses. After two rounds of voting, we decided that we are giving the extra money to Heart 2 Heart Haiti to help repair a church and send kids to school. This organization donates 96% of our money to the projects and keeps only 4% for administration fees (For every dollar they receive, they keep four cents).**

At the end of the project, we wrote thank you letters to our sponsors, were able to present our project in chapel and give extra copies out to people we know as a ministry opportunity! Thank you again to all of the sponsors that helped us create this wonderful project! We will be putting our newspaper up on the PCA Facebook page and website If you are wanting to see it or have a copy.