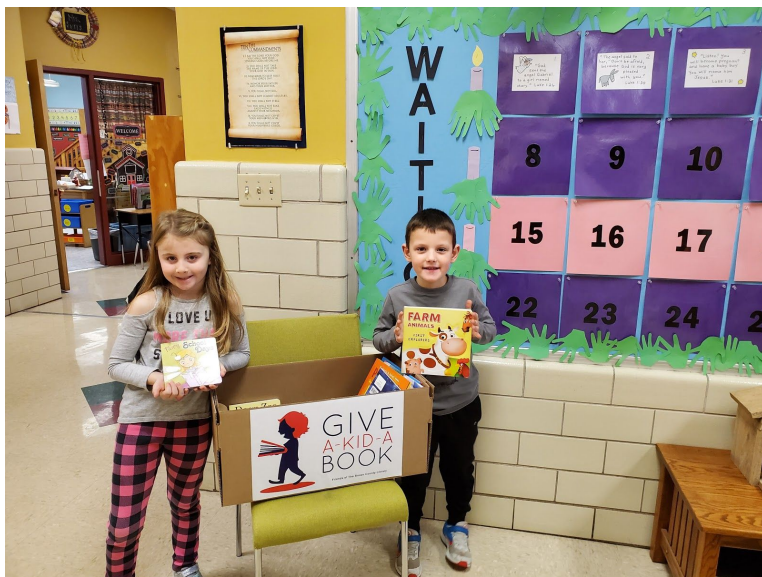


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**Week Two of Advent** is the Candle of Love. We will continue to light the candles and say a special prayer each morning to help us prepare for Christmas. Our focus this week will be on those in need of food. Please consider donating a jar of peanut butter or a box of cereal for the local food pantry.



What a joy it was to participate in the **Christmas Parade** with the St. Clare families! I appreciate how willing you are to support our school. I'm not sure who enjoyed it more: the kids on the float with the snowflakes, waving to all the parade-watchers... or the ones who walked the route and handed out the candy canes and invitations to Breakfast with St. Nick.

It was also my pleasure to participate in the **Breakfast with St. Nick!** The children's faces were animated with excitement while they listened to St. Nick read them a story. Thank you to Kim Hruska, Brooke VandeHey, Kristin Stelzer, and the Home & School Committee for taking the reins on this event... and to the 75+ volunteers who rolled up silverware in napkins, decorated, cooked pancakes and sausages, taught the children songs, cleaned up afterwards and more!! It truly took our whole St. Clare "village" to make the morning such a success.



