

# First Grade Monday Letter

## December 12<sup>th</sup> –16<sup>th</sup>

Dear Parents,

Thanks for all of your help with the Christmas tree projects! They are great!!! They are up on the windows in our room.

We had our Spelling Bee last week and Claire will be our class representative in January. Thanks to all of our participants!

As we are in our last full week of 2011, we will be finishing up units and making our final preparations for Christmas. Our testing schedule will remain normal. We just add a Unit 2 Spanish test on Tuesday.

For our Christmas party on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, each student is asked to bring a wrapped, used, age appropriate, children's book. Please be sure that the book has not been written in or torn and please do not go and buy one. Also, include your child in choosing the book as well as wrapping it. Books need to be brought to school by Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. If for some reason, you cannot participate please let me know by Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

### *Dates to remember:*

- Read the Christmas Story with your child!
- Give your child a big hug and kiss, just because!
- December 21<sup>st</sup> is a minimum day!! Dismissal is at 12:30 p.m. No p.m. Child Care.
- Christmas Vacation begins December 21<sup>st</sup> and school resumes January 4<sup>th</sup>
- School begins Wednesday, January 4th.

Have a great week!

## **Key Concepts for the Week**

**Phonics:** On Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, our phonics test will be on Chart 16. Please make sure that you are practicing saying and writing these sounds! Also include all hyphens!

**(aught in caught, g in giant, dge in fudge, a- in asleep,  
al- in also, be- in because, en- in enjoy, un- in unbutton)**

Reviewing- circling the phonics rules and marking the vowels

## **Math:**

- Time and Money
- Word problems
- Mixed Addition and Subtraction facts

**Language:** Finishing sentences with our own ideas. Doubling the final consonant of a short voweled word before adding “-ing” or “- ed”

**Spelling: List for Friday December, 16<sup>th</sup> :**

**chin, check, chick, much, ouch, born, fork, horn,  
horse, word, work, took, cool, says, was**

**History:** Symbols of our country

**Bible: Christmas story**

**The shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen which were just as they had been told.**

**Luke 2:20**

**Spanish:** Unit 2 Vocabulary Test on the parts of the body. Study page 178.

**P.E.:** Movement skills/ Game Plays

**Music:** Tchaikovsky’s “The Nutcracker”.

**Computer:** Mavis Beacon Typing tutorials

### **Homework Schedule**

Study Nightly: Spanish and Phonics

**Monday:** Math Work sheets, Reading

**Tuesday:** Phonics Worksheet- Circling and marking, Reading, Spanish test!

**Wednesday:** Reading

**Thursday:** Reading, Phonics test

**Friday:** **Final Spelling Test for 2011!**