

Fourth Grade Parent Letter

Dear Parents...

December 5, 2011

The countdown is on! We are down to our final weeks before Christmas Vacation. Although we will be very busy with fun activities and preparing for Christmas, it is very important that students still stay focused on learning.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Class and School Spelling Bee have been moved up to this week. **The Class Bee will this Wednesday, December 7 and the School Bee will be Thursday, December 8.** The students were given their lists last week and have been studying them in class and hopefully at home. There will be four finalists chosen from the Class Bee to participate in the **School Spelling Bee on Thursday at 10:30am in Chapel.** One winner and an alternate will be determined to represent GHBS at the ACSI Spelling Bee in January.

Our **Class Christmas Party** will be **Wednesday, December 21.** We will be celebrating Christmas with food, fun, and fellowship! Trey's parents have generously offered to provide food for our party – **THANK YOU, Mr. & Mrs. Strother!** We will also be doing a **Christmas Book Gift Exchange.** Students, please choose a book (gently used or new) that you would like to give to a classmate. Wrap it nicely with your name on the gift. Please make sure the book can be enjoyed by either a boy or girl because you won't know who will be receiving your book! We will do the exchange in a fun way during the Christmas Party. Thanks so much!

Remember to continue working on your **Family Heritage Projects** this week. They are **due Monday, December 19.** Students will be doing their oral presentations the week of the 19th. I have spoken with the students about the option of bringing in something to share from their family heritage as part of their oral presentation. This is not required but if they would like to share more of their culture with the class, they may bring in food, clothing items, artifacts representing their heritage, or a videotape of their interview.

Blessings,
♥ Mrs. Hong

Notes:

- **Wednesday, December 7: Class Spelling Bee**
- **Thursday, December 8: School Spelling Bee @ 10:30AM in Chapel**
- **Friday, December 9: Christmas Caroling**
- **Monday, December 19: Family Heritage Project Due**
- **Wednesday, December 21: Minimum Day; Christmas Party; Progress Reports**

Here's what we'll be doing this week:

- Spelling: Spelling Lesson 12: Review Lessons 7-11
Spelling Test Thursday (multiple choice)
- Math: Review Chapter 4: Multiplication
Math Test Ch. 4: Friday
- Reading: Final Draft of Sign of the Beaver Essay (in-class project)
Read Ch 6-10 of Because of Winn Dixie
- Lang. Arts: Unit 7: Verbs: The Doers of the Sentence
Language Quiz 9 Tuesday: Review up to pg.111
- History: Chapter 10: American War for Independence
Open-Book History Quiz 12 Thursday (pg. 158-166 & Geographical Terms on pg. 10)
- Science: Continue Chapter 3: Diversity of Life
Science Test Chapter 3 NEXT Wednesday 12/14 (make study guide this week)
- Bible: Chapter 13: The Resurrection of Christ
Ch. 13 Quiz NEXT Wednesday (study highlighted parts in book)
Ch. 12 Quiz Wednesday (study highlighted parts in book)

Bible Memory Verse: Test Friday (written)

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies' " John 11:25

Pullout Lesson Plans

- Computers: Microsoft Word (Type final draft of essay)
- Music: Christmas Music
- Spanish: **Review Unit 2 for TEST NEXT WEEK. Study Page 200. Homework: Page 197.**
- P.E.: Soccer Skills