

1st Grade News

December 11, 2023



Reading Over Break

Over break is a wonderful time to give extra attention to reading practice and there are so many fun ways to do so. Check out a few Christmas books from the PPLD library and read 1 every night for the 12 days of Christmas. As our literacy testing is approaching in January, it's important to remember that to meet the benchmark for first grade, students should be reading 23 words in a minute.

So read, read, read!!!

Happy Holidays

This will be the last newsletter of 2023. From our first grade team we would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for all that you have done this year to serve our school and students. We look forward to another great year partnering with you.

Important Dates:

12/15

Christmas Party

Denim Day

Holiday Sweater Day

12/18-1/3

Winter Break

1/2-1/3 Teacher In-service Days

1/4 First Day back to school

1/5 Titan Buddy/Denim Day
- Literacy Testing P.M. (Half Day)

1/12 Literacy Testing all Day (No Regular School)

1/15 MLK Day
(no school)

1/16 Parent Academy Book Talk
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4DADAD2EA1FE3-the>

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Report Cards sent home

In Our Curriculum:

Core Knowledge

Sun, Moon, and Stars: We had such a great time at our "in house planetarium" last week. Please allow your child to gaze up at the night sky over Christmas break and take joy in the awe and wonder the night sky inspires!

Math Tip

Math fact flash cards are a fun way for kids to improve in their fact fluency. If you don't have any, they can easily be made using index cards. Also, rolling dice or flipping 2 playing cards is a fun way to practice addition or subtraction facts.

Poetry

[Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening](#)

Recitation: Due week of December 11th (first two stanzas only)

Spelling

Spelling Lists 23 and 24
[Spelling lists](#)

Math Fun at Home

Here are a few ideas to keep students engaged in math over Winter Break:

- Measure ingredients while baking with family.
- Adding up how many plates, napkins, cookies, etc. you will need to serve different numbers of guests
- Play addition and subtraction games with dice or playing cards.

Math

Ordinal Numbers
[Chapter 9 parent letter](#)

