



1st Grade News

December 15, 2023

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. We'll see your students back in school on **Thursday, January 4, 2024!**



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 Holiday books at the 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!!!

In our curriculum:

Spelling: No Tests on Friday, January 5.

Poetry: *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening* by Robert Frost

Core Knowledge: We look forward to our study of Early Explorers when we return!

Math Fun at Home

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

- Practice addition and subtraction facts up to 20.
- Find hidden shapes in ordinary objects (squares, rectangles, circles, and triangles).

Special Days

- ♦ **Dec. 18– Jan. 3–** Winter Break
- ♦ **Jan. 2 & 3 —** Teacher Inservice (No school for students)
- ♦ **Jan. 4 —** Students return to school
- ♦ **Jan. 5 —** Half day for students, Literacy Testing by appt.
- ♦ **Jan. 5 —** Planetarium experience
*No chaperones needed
- ♦ **Jan. 12 —** No School, Literacy Testing by appt.
- ♦ **January 15th—** No School, MLK Day
- ♦ **Jan. 16th—** "Gift of Failure" Book Talk (Click [here](#) for more information)

Uniform Reminder...

Your child is responsible to wear a **belt** and **tuck in their shirt** each day.

Please assist your child by making sure they are in uniform before they leave for school. Thanks!