

1st Grade News

December 4, 2023



Tis the Season

We hope that Thanksgiving was a restful and exciting time for your family. While it may have been busy, taking some time to reflect on all the things we have to be thankful for is so refreshing.

As we look ahead to Christmas, we know that the kids start to bubble over with excitement and joy. We love seeing the extra sparkle in their eyes and their enthusiasm about celebrating the holidays. We are going to focus and accomplish as much as possible in these last 2 weeks before break. Please know that we love experiencing this magical time of year with them!

In Our Curriculum:

Core Knowledge

Sun, Moon, and Stars: This week will focus on stars and constellations. If you get a chance, please take your child outside to gaze at the spectacular night sky. Ask them about the moon phases and see if they can find any constellations!

Math Facts

While traveling to and fro, a fun way to go, is by singing your math facts to show what you know. Counting by 2's, 5's and 10's forward and back again, is more fun with a friend.

Poetry

[Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Eve](#)

Recitation: Due week of
December 11th

Spelling Lists 21 & 22 [Spelling lists](#)

Please continue to review spelling words with your child throughout the week.

Math

This past week we reviewed the subtraction strategy "subtract from a 10". We also introduced and practiced the "double subtract method". While these look confusing on paper, it is a representation of how many of us do mental math. It is our goal to expose our children to these strategies early on, so that mental math becomes easier as the years progress.

This week we begin our chapter on shapes!

[Dimensions Parent Letter Chapter 8](#)

Important Dates:

12/6 In house planetarium presentation

12/7
Holiday Dress Up Day
(dresses, suits, ties, etc.)

12/8
-Titan Buddy Caroling Day
-Denim Day
-Holiday Hat Day
No Assembly

12/15
• Class Party
• Christmas Sweater Day

12/18-1/3
Winter Break

1/2-1/3 Teacher In-service

1/4 - Students Return

1/5 (PM only) & 1/12 (no school)
Literacy Testing
*Please look for a testing sign-up from your child's teacher. *These will be sent out the week prior to Winter Break*

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