



# Mrs. McMath's First Grade Class Newsletter

## Homework:

1. Read 15 minutes nightly and record on Reading Log.  
\*To be kept in Blue Communication Folder
2. Get Bragging Behavior Sheet signed daily.  
\*To be kept in Blue Communication Folder
3. Weekly Homework:  
Due on Fridays  
\*To be kept in Blue Communication Folder

## Important Dates:

### Monday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>

**Fieldtrip:** Children's Play at Harrison High (10:15-11:20am)

### Friday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>:

\*Puzzles for the Puzzle Gift Exchange need to be brought in by this day.

**Monday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>:** Holiday Party for 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and PJ Day and Puzzle Exchange (9:30-10:30am)

**Tuesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>:** Green Grinch Day

**Wednesday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>:** Candy Cane Day & last day before Winter Break

**December 22- January 5:**

Winter Holidays



Our Classroom Elf should be making an appearance within the week!

## Highlights for the Week of December 5th 2016

### Class News

Dear Parents,

We will take our last Spelling Test and Mad Minute Math Tests this week and then resume after the holidays. The kids have been doing AMAZING on both! I am so proud of them! This week will be the last week for a homework packet until after the break as well!

Please continue to read each night for fluency and comprehension. When we do not have written homework utilize some of the educational websites linked on our class blog. These will just keep them in the practice of some of the first grade skills we work on in class.

Try to spend the next couple of weeks reading some of your child's favorite holiday books. They love reading seasonal books! Have them retell them to you. Encourage them to try reading some of them to you this year to practice those reading skills.

Another idea is to have your child journal about the things their elf does each night if you have an elf visiting your house for the holidays. Take pictures of the elf and have them write or type on the computer some captions. These are just some fun things to do when the kids need/want something to do- fun, but you are tying in an educational component! ☺

I want the kids to enjoy this time of year and for you to have time to enjoy it with them. Take care and have a Holly Jolly Week!

☺ Mrs. McMath

### Weekly Curriculum

- ❖ **Phonics:** ou/ow review, ch, sh, th blend review, compound words, /j/ sound spelled gi and ge, long vowel review, comparatives -er and -est, and /aw/ sound spelled au/aw
- ❖ **Math:** Place Value
- ❖ **Daily 5:** Read to Self, Read to Someone, Listen to Reading, Work on Words, and Work on Writing
- ❖ **Writing:** Seasonal Journal writing, and Writer's Workshop: Informative Writing-Reindeer and Explanatory
- ❖ **Language Arts:** ABC order, Nouns, Asking and Telling Sentences, and Story Map with Story Elements
- ❖ **Reading:** The Littlest Christmas Elf, Santa's Animals, and The Polar Bear Who Saved Christmas
- ❖ **STEM Journal:** Sound

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