

December Newsletter



**Mrs. Everett's First Grade
2018-19**



First Grade News

Reader's Workshop

I am currently in the process of giving mid-year assessments. We are cleaning out our book boxes to take out some of the easier books and make room for some new "just right" books. Our focus continues to be on reading comprehension and fluency. When your student

is reading, it should sound like they are telling a story. They need read using the punctuation, expression, and appropriate voice tones. When your student is done reading, ask them lots of questions to see if they are able to retell you important events, share a lesson

learned, or even ask them questions that allow them to make personal connections to the text. Tip: Its great for your students to see and hear you reading, too. When they see the adults reading, it shows them how important reading is.

Writer's Workshop

We are currently revising and editing our personal narratives. After that is complete, each student will meet with me to have a "writer's conference" so that they

can take their piece of writing and publish it. Once each students completes their final draft, they will earn their very own "WRITERS LICENSE!" This is a

pretty big deal. Many should get their licenses before Christmas. Be watching on Facebook for these celebrations.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Dec. 14: Stocking Stuffers and Party Donations Due
- Dec. 19: Wear Class Shirt
- Dec. 20: Polar Express/PJ Day
- Dec. 21: Christmas Party 10:30/Early Release
- Dec. 22-Jan.7: Winter Break
- Jan.8: School Resumes



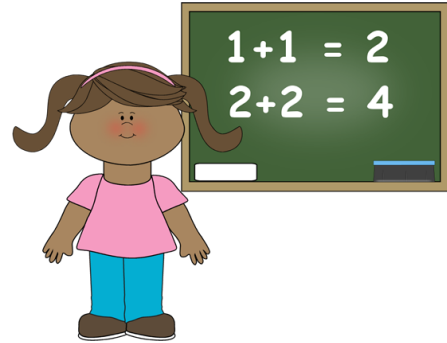
PLEASE SEND ALL LUNCH MONEY TO SCHOOL IN AN ENVELOPE, LABELED APPROPRIATELY!!!

Math

In math so far we have had lessons on Understanding Addition to 20 and Counting and Number Patterns to 120. We will continue to review these during our "Calendar" time in our schedule. We are learning some new addition strategies, creating an anchor chart, using

them together, and practicing them during centers.

After winter break, we will move on to Subtraction facts to 20.



Spelling

Spelling continues to go well. We have two different spelling groups up and running, which can be tricky to manage at times. With two groups I can better meet the

needs of all students. If you ever feel like you don't have enough information to help your child at home with their spelling words, do not hesitate to contact me. 5

-10 minutes of practice each night is very helpful.

Have you asked your child what they learned at school today?

Winter Recess

Since winter weather has arrived I wanted to remind you about the school's policy on recess during the next few months. Recess will be outside as long as the temperature is at 32 degrees or above, as long as it is not

raining, and as long as the playground is free from snow. Please plan on your student going outside at all times so that they are prepared with a coat, mittens, hat, scarf, and/or whatever else necessary to keep them warm for the 30

minute recess period. It would also be helpful if you could make sure your child can put these warm items on themselves....zipping, buttoning, etc...

Polar Express, PJ Day, and Christmas Party

On Thursday, December 20th, our class will be having a celebration of all our hard work this first semester!! We will be having a POLAR EXPRESS day by watching the Polar Express, enjoying hot cocoa, and other fun activities!! Students may wear their pajamas to school!! Regular shoes

must be worn to and from school for safety reasons but slippers can be brought in their backpack.

The Christmas party is on Wednesday, December 20th, begins at 10:30 am, and will conclude at 11:20 am. Remember this is an Early

Release day!!

Please make sure all Christmas Party donations that you signed up for are turned in no later than Friday, Dec. 14th, so that I can prep for the party.

Stockings Stuffers and Christmas Party

Our Christmas party will be held on Wed., Dec. 21st beginning at 10:30 am.

Instead of a gift exchange, our classroom will be stuffing stockings. A special thank you to those parents who donated extra stockings so that each student could have one. The students have personalized them and they look super cute.

All students will need to

purchase stocking stuffers for each student in our class. So your child will need to bring in 21 of the same item to stuff one in each stocking, to school by Friday, December 14th. On the day of the party, each child will open and take home their stocking and all the fun surprises inside.

Should you have questions, do not hesitate to contact me. There will be

no treat bags handed out at this party due to all the things they will get in their stockings.

Stocking Stuffer Ideas:

Gum	Silly Putty
Markers	Chap stick
Crayons	Pens
Nail Polish	Erasers
Matchbox Cars	Stickers
Mini Coloring Books	

