

Bulldog Bulletin



**Mrs. Everett's First Grade
2017-18**



First Grade News

Reader's Workshop

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 connec-

tions 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.

I will begin giving mid-year assessments at the end of November.

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November/December 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Nov. 20: Cornucopia donations due
- Nov. 21: Wear Class T-Shirt
- Nov. 22-24: No School/Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 27: Stockings Due
- Dec. 15: Stocking Stuffers Due
- Dec. 19: Polar Express/ PJ Day (more info to come)
- Dec. 20 Christmas Par-

Writer's Workshop

The students have begun PUBLISHING their very first piece of writing!! As writers, they are in the beginning stage of taking a piece of

writing through the steps of the writing process making sure their story has a good beginning, sharing at least three details, and a

catchy ending. They are also checking to see if it is legible, has spaces, punctuation, and capital letters. I am so proud their hard work!!



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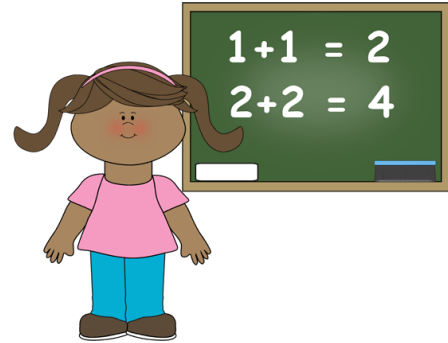
- Dec. 21-Jan.2: Winter Break
- Jan.3: School Resumes

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 is going great and the Spelling tests are proving that. Thank you for everyone who is practicing at home. With this new program, I really see the students applying

what their learning into their reading and writing. If you were to walk into our classroom during spelling you would see all students engaged where each is manipulating and

connecting with the spelling features and patterns.

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...

POW-WOW and Thanksgiving Dessert

On Tuesday, November 21st our class will be celebrating Thanksgiving by having a Pow-Wow, lunch in our classroom, and a Thanksgiving dessert.

I thought it would be fun to add a dessert and have fruit cornucopias.

I am needing the following items donated:

- 24 waffle cones

- 3 containers of strawberries
- 2 bags of grapes
- 2 containers of blueberries
- 6 apples

If you are able to donate any of these items, please contact me as soon as possible.. Thanks so much! All donations

will need to be sent by Nov. 20th to prepare.

Stockings Stuffers and Christmas Party

Our Christmas party will be held on Tues. Dec. 20th, beginning at 10:30 am.

Instead of a gift exchange, our classroom will be stuffing stockings. Each student will be responsible for purchasing one red, standard stocking to send to school by Monday, Nov. 27th so students can help personalize them and

make them look super cute. Please make sure it isn't too furry at the top.

All students will need to purchase stocking stuffers for each student in our class. So your child will need to bring in 23 of the same item to stuff one in each stocking, to school by Friday, December 15th. 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.



Stocking Stuffer Ideas:

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