

First Grade Monday Letter

December 14th – 18th

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all the sign-ups! As you collect them you can send them in! We need everything in by Wednesday, December 16th unless we have talked to you ahead of time. We need time to get them ready for the party on Friday.

Just a Reminder: For our Christmas party on December 18th, we are asking each student to bring a wrapped, used, age-appropriate, children's book. Please be sure that the book has not been written in or torn and please do not go and buy one. Also, include your child in choosing the book as well as wrapping it. Books need to be brought to school by Wednesday, December 16th. If for some reason, you cannot participate, please let me know by Wednesday, December 16th.

Dates to remember:

*Progress reports will be sent home on December 18th.

*Just a reminder...Friday, December 18th is a minimum day and there will be **No** after school childcare. Dismissal at 12:30 p.m.

*January 4th, School resumes

Have a great week!

Key Concepts for the Week

Phonics: On Thursday, *December 17th*, our phonics test will be on Chart 15b. Please make sure that you are practicing saying and writing these sounds! Look for them as you read!

ey in key, ey in obey, o in shovel, ph in phone, ch in chorus, *Chr in Christmas, sch in school, ought in thought *must be capitalized for test.

- Dividing words between consonants that are not the same. ie: scram / ble
- Writing the root word and the suffixes, -ing and -ed.
- Reviewing- circling the phonics rules and marking the vowels

Math:

- Counting mixed coins; pennies, dimes, nickels
- Addition up to 12
- Word problems
- Subtraction strategies 0-12

Now and Over Vacation: Please practice addition and subtraction facts using flash cards or the Progress in Math website. (www.sadlier-oxford.com/math) Under grade 1 use the practice activities for chapters 2 and 3

Language: Finishing sentences with our own ideas.

History: Symbols of the United States

Science: Bones: Test on Thursday 12/17. (See study sheet)

Bible: Christmas story

Bible verse: “The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.” Luke 2:20

Spelling: Spelling test on Friday, January 8th:

chin, check, chick, much, ouch, born, fork, horn, horse, word, work, took, cool, says, was

P.E.: No P.E.

Spanish: Unit 2 Test

Music: Brass Instruments Test (See study sheet)

Computer: Kid Pix: Draw a picture to go with the story written last week.

Homework Schedule

Study nightly: Phonics, spelling and Bible verse

Monday: Reading, Phonics homework

Tuesday: Reading, Math homework

Wednesday: Reading, Spanish and Music tests

Thursday: Reading, Phonics and Science tests

Friday: Progress reports go home.