

First Grade Monday Letter
December 7th – 11th

Dear Parents,

There is a sign-up sheet posted on the door this week for the things we need for our Christmas party on December 18th.

We are very proud of our Spelling Bee representatives. Congratulations to Michael. He will be representing GHBS's first grade in the ACSI Spelling Bee in January.

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 us know by Wednesday, December 16th.

We have started our Study Buddy program with the Fifth grade classes. We are trying to build camaraderie as well as working together on projects. For the holidays, we are making stockings (6"x9") for our Study Buddies. We need your help with the stocking stuffers like holiday pencils, erasers, candy canes, or other wrapped holiday candy or small items that would be appropriate. We need enough for 30.

The Christmas tree project is due this Friday, December 11th. They may be turned in early, as long as they are dry. We have had some really great trees come in already. Come and take a look!

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.

*Christmas Vacation: December 19th to January 3rd

*January 4th, School resumes

Have a great week!

Key Concepts for the Week

Phonics: On Thursday, **December 10th**, our phonics test will be on Chart 15a. Please make sure that you are practicing saying and writing these sounds! Look for them as you read!

(**imb in climb, -es in peaches, c in city, au in faucet, aw in saw, ea in leaf, ea in thread, ea in steak, ie in brownie**

Review Spelling Words (her, serve, purse, curl, burn, turn, dirt, first, girl, sir, stir, shirt, third, said, have)

- 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

Looking ahead: December 17th, Phonics rules: Phonics Chart 15b. (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.

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: Getting ready for test on Thursday 12/17.

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: Review Words Test on Friday - Practice writing every night!!

book, look, good, foot, wood, shook, boot,
food, loose, moon, room, roof, tooth, have, give

Looking ahead: Spelling test on Friday, January 8th: chin, check, chick, much, ouch, born, fork, horn, horse, word, work, took, cool, says, was

P.E. Reindeer Games (fun games designed to burn off energy)

Spanish: Review body parts and Unit 2 vocabulary for TEST NEXT WEEK (12/16)
Study page 178.

Music: Finishing up Unit on Brass instruments: getting ready for Test on 12/16

Computer: Microsoft Word: finishing a short Christmas story.

Homework Schedule

Study nightly: Phonics, Spelling and Bible verse

Monday: Reading, Continue working on Christmas Tree project

Tuesday: Reading

Wednesday: Reading

Thursday: Reading

Friday: Christmas Tree project Due