



First Grade December Newsletter 2018

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Literary and

Informational Texts

This month we are focusing on...

- Retell stories, including key details, characters, setting, problem, and solution
- Identify words and phrases that suggest feelings
- Connect the key details to determine the main topic of a text.
- Ask and answer questions about key details in a text
- Know and use various text features

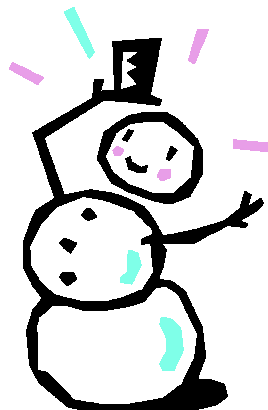
Social Studies

It's an exciting time of year! We are beginning a new social studies unit: *Celebrating our Family Culture*. In this unit students will explore their family traditions and culture, and then compare them to other traditions and cultures around the world. We will also talk about our

families and how different people celebrate birthdays.

Writing

Our current unit focuses on informative writing. This unit takes children on a writing journey that builds in complexity. The unit has begun with instruction on how to write a basic type of information book, a picture book, and ends with children creating multiple informational chapter books. Students will learn strategies on how to plan their writing, use catchy introductions to get the readers' attention, add details, and how to draw their readers in so they will want to read more.



Math

We will begin studying addition and subtraction relationships which include the following objectives...

- Solve addition and subtraction problem situations using the strategy *make a model*.
- Record related facts within 20.
- Identify related addition and subtraction facts within 20.
- Apply inverse relationship of addition and subtraction.
- Use related facts to determine unknown numbers.
- Use a related fact to subtract.
- Choose and operation and strategy to solve an addition or subtraction word problem.
- Represent equivalent forms of numbers using sums and differences within 20.
- Determine if an equation is true or false.

**Dates to

remember**

- Dec. 14 2-hour early dismissal
- Dec. 24—Jan 1 Winter break, Schools closed
- Jan 2—Schools reopen

Attention Parents

Brrrr it's getting cold outside! Please send your child to school with appropriate clothing for outside recess.

Also, please help your child learn to tie shoes and zip coats, we have many students who still can not. It becomes very time consuming to tie shoes and zip coats for several students.

Thank you!

