

FIRST GRADE NEWS

December 2018

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Brrrrr!

Please make sure your child comes dressed for the weather. We still have some students coming in only a sweatshirt. We do go out for recess unless the temperature is too low with the windchill.

Snowflakes falling, Books are calling!

In an effort to avoid a "Holiday slide" in reading, we're sending home a holiday reading challenge. Even though we don't technically have homework over the break, we think this will be a fun way to encourage literacy in your home. Your child(ren) may return the completed challenge for a prize after break! We will send home anthologies (a hardback book of several stories and activities) for your child to access during the



long winter break. If you're traveling, consider having your child(ren) write a journal to tell about their experiences. Have them write about their family traditions. You could even bring in a photo for students to share. Reading and writing is a great way to encourage education out of school and include quality time with family.



ESSL

We are SO EXCITED about our first field trip to the Earth Space and Science Lab. This is the first year we're visiting the ESSL with our new Science curriculum so we're excited to see what exciting activities they have planned for us.

We've been learning all about our solar system and how the sun, moon and Earth work together. We've learned about how the Earth orbits and why there are different phases of the moon! SO MUCH FUN!

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

Language Arts

- In Reading:
- using strategies to comprehend fiction texts
- In Writing:
- informational teaching books complete with a table of contents!

Math

- addition and subtraction strategies within 20 in various situations and word problems.
- adding in any order, making 10 and doubles

Social Studies

- Holidays Around the World
- Hanukkah
 - Kwanzaa
 - Las Posadas
 - St. Lucia Day
 - Christmas in Australia
 - Ramadan

*Have a wonderful Winter Break!
See you in the New Year!*