



# First Grade News

## Happy New Year!

We hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday season, and will continue to prosper in 2007.

In January we review and assess skills that have been taught and move ahead to more challenging objectives.



## Skills For The Month

### Reading/Language Arts

- Demonstrate active listening strategies (asking questions, following directions, etc.)
- Follow simple written instruction
- Monitor text using fix-up strategies using meaning, structure and visual cues.
- Distinguish important and unimportant information
- Retell important details
- Identify purpose of expository text.
- Ask questions to discuss exposition text and revisit text to confirm information

### Writing

- Write descriptions and/or set of directions that follow a logical sequence of events
- Develop a main idea sentence and a supporting sentence

### Math

- Demonstrate mastery of addition and

**Recess Policy**  
Students have indoor recess if the wind chill is below 32 degrees. Please remember to dress your child warmly with hats and gloves.

Sometimes parents write notes and ask if their child may be kept in for recess because of illness. There is no place for the students to go in this case. We often have meetings at lunchtime. If your child is sick please do not send him/her to school.

**January**

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**Reminders:**

- Please return December reading calendar if you haven't already. Thanks!

- subtraction fact families
- Gather and organize relevant data to answer a simple question
- Organize and display data using tallies, bar graphs, and pictographs
- Interpret data from graphs in terms of most and least

### Science

- Attempts a reasonable answer to "How do you know?" questions using appropriate scientific details (weather)
- Demonstrate weather concepts/principles using scientific illustrations and vocabulary, including labels and titles

### Social Studies

- Use geographic tools to locate and describe places on earth
- Locate continents and oceans using maps and globes
- Describe where places are located on a map using relative distance and directions (near-far, above-below, and cardinal directions (north, south, east, and west))

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Monday, Jan. 15th  
No School-Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday

Monday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
No School-Professional Day for teachers.

## *Supplies*

Please check with your child to see if his/her supplies need to be replenished. All children should have pencils, glue and crayons, We also could use more tissues, liquid soap, and zip-locked bags. If you could donate one of the above to your child's teacher it would be greatly appreciated.



## *Reading Incentive Program*

Reading every night *to and with* your child are the most important things you can do to help your child become a better, more fluent reader. The first grade classes continue to participate in the Reading Incentive Program. Every night when students read for homework please record the number minutes your child has read on his /her reading calendar. We will send reminders when the calendar needs to be turned in to the teacher.

## *What Will The Weather Be Today?*

We would like you to help your child at home become more aware of weather as part of our weather unit. Please take the time to observe and discuss: weather predictions and reports on television or newspaper, look at the sky and or clouds, etc. You and your child can plan what to wear by using the weather forecast as a guide.



## *Basic Fact Update*

We continue to work on mastering basic facts. This marking period we will concentrate on addition facts with sums to 10. Students who have mastered these basic facts will then move to addition facts with sums to 20. Please continue to practice basic facts at home.

## **Thank You!**

Our December gingerbread project a huge success! Thanks you for all the donated supplies and your help at home and at school! We couldn't have done it without you!