



First Grade Winter Newsletter

December

December was a very busy month getting ready for the holidays and our "Holiday Around the World" performance. Thank you to everyone for your participation to make our holiday luncheon, craft centers and holiday parties so successful! In math, this last month, we collected data and learned about different types of graphs, from picture graphs to bar graphs. We learned how to tally with tally marks. We started "place value" with tens and ones and practiced numbers to 100. We learned the value of dimes, nickels and pennies and added them together. We reinforced our subtraction skills. We continued our guided reading groups and focused on "magic e" words as well as contractions and abc order. Don't forget to turn in your December Read Aloud. For Social Studies, we studied the holiday customs of other countries and tasted foods from these countries. We located the countries that we studied on maps and globes.

January

In January, we will be doing mid-year assessments of the childrens' progress in reading. We will start our fun Charlie's Story Club. (more information to follow) In math, we will be counting by 2's, 5's and 10's. We will continue Place Value numbers to 100. We will learn how to estimate and we will be starting our math fluency goals (more information to follow). We will be having our first formal Writer's Workshop. They will be utilizing a web format to write words and rough drafts and then edit into final copies. We have winter projects and writing to do and we will learn about Martin Luther King. We are amazed at the progress of our first graders at this half-year point! Reading with your child certainly makes a difference! Keep up the good work!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO OUR FAMILIES... The First Grade Teachers