

December

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Dear Parents,

What an exciting time of year! We are all so busy at home and at school. The children really enjoyed the Thanksgiving Feast. I hope you heard about it. It was a fun way to start off the holiday. Many thanks to our parents who helped by purchasing food, setting up, helping serve the food, and cleaning up.

Math: This month we will complete a mini unit on quadrilaterals and then begin unit 3. This unit consists of place value, adding 2 digit numbers, and money.

One important area of study this month is learning to regroup in math. Students are learning how to add two digit numbers.

Example:

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 65 \\ + \quad 37 \\ \hline 102 \end{array}$$

This is a difficult concept for many, so if you would like to reinforce this at home, just jot down two or three problems an evening and you will be helping your child to soon be on his or her way to mastery.

We are all looking forward to spending time with our family and friends during winter vacation. But don't forget to make some time for **reading, writing and math** (in a special holiday way, of course). This is an ideal time to practice counting coins and making change while shopping for holiday gifts. Students can also benefit from practicing their addition and subtraction facts to 20. Talking about even and odd numbers and counting by twos, fives and tens are also a great review. Writing gift lists and thank you notes are great ways to practice writing skills. Students are excited about their reading skills and may enjoy reading holiday cards and special stories and books. Enjoy this special time together!

We wish you all a joyful holiday season!

The Second Grade Team

Dates to Remember:

Dec. 5	Trimester ends
Dec. 11	Dine out night at McDonald's in the Tustin Marketplace
Dec. 19	Report Cards go home
Dec. 19	Early dismissal at 1:15
Jan. 5	School resumes

