



December Newsletter

December 2011

It was great to see you all at our Parent/ Teacher conferences! A lot can happen when we work together!

Reminders:

- *Spelling packets due every Friday
 - *RAH sheets due every Friday
 - * Please have your child at school PROMPTLY at or before 8:00. Students enter the classroom at that time and have 15 minutes to get organized and do their morning work. Our day starts at 8:15. Children showing up at 8:15 will have to check their homework and planner with me at recess so as not to hold up the rest of the class in the morning.
- Please see Mr. Swindell's December letter for explanation of some up coming events!

What's Coming up?

Math- We will continue our study of subtraction. Students have a good handle on subtraction with and without borrowing. Now we will learn about subtracting across a zero. They key is that they can't "skip houses".

Reading- All Fountas and Pinnell testing is just about done for the beginning of the year testing. Students are practicing reading skills such as finding the main idea, summarizing using transition words, and reading fluently.

Writing- We continue our study of the craft of writing. Students are eager each day for writing time when they can be creative. We are learning what it means to edit and revise a piece of writing.

Science- We will continue our study of rocks and the earth's layers.

Social studies- Branches of government.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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5	6	7	8	9 Rank Cards
12 Gingerbread houses	13	14 Lego Club	15	16
19	20	21 Christmas Concert	22 C H	23 R I
26 ST	27 MAS	28 VA	29 CA	30 TION

UPCOMING DATES

Book Fair Dec.- Dec. 10-15

Rank Cards come out Dec. 9

Santa's Breakfast Dec. 10 , 7-11 am

Gingerbread house Dec. 12

Lego Club Dec. 14

Christmas concert Dec. 21 at 1:00

Christmas Vacation Dec. 22-Jan. 1