



# December News



Hello Families,  
Happy December! We have been working hard in first grade and we are excited for you to see what the children are learning! Please take a few moments to read through this important information!

## Events

- December 7<sup>th</sup> – Winter Wonderland; 9am-12pm
- December 12<sup>th</sup> – K-2 Choir Concert; 8:30, 9:15, 7:00
- December 18<sup>th</sup> – Winter Breakfast party – Sign Up Genius coming soon
- December 19<sup>th</sup> – Last day of the Semester. 1<sup>st</sup>
- December 20<sup>st</sup> – January 6<sup>th</sup> – Winter Break
- January 17<sup>th</sup> – Winter Assessment Day

## Reminders

- Students should be reading 20 minutes a night at home with an adult. You can read with or to your child. They can read anything – library books, chapter books, guided reading books.
- Students have Math Homelinks most nights.
- As the weather is now consistently cold, please keep sending you child to school with appropriate winter clothes. We go outside if it is above 20 degrees (with wind chill).

## Learning Focus

**Reading:** We have moved back into fiction books. We are focusing on using a 5-finger retell strategy. See more information in your child's Guided Reading Folder. You can practice this at home with any and all books you read.

**Writing:** We finished our informational writing about places. Students will begin focusing on opinion writing with stating their opinion, giving reasons and closing their writing.

**Math:** We are finishing up our unit on measurement. Unit 5 focuses on place value with Base-10 blocks and comparing numbers. Please continue to practice addition and subtraction.

**Social Studies/Science:** We are continuing our study of Geography. We will be beginning our next Science Unit before Winter Break: Solids and Liquids. Students will learn how to describe and sort solids and liquids.

