

# Puckey's Press

## Our Classroom Newsletter

December 18, 2015

### Upcoming Events

- **December 21** – Reindeer Day
- **December 23** – Early Dismissal at 12:15
- **December 24 until January 1**  
**NO SCHOOL for Winter Break**
- **January 4** – School is in-session
- **January 18** – **NO SCHOOL** for Teacher Professional Day
- **January 25** – **NO SCHOOL** for Teacher Professional Day

### What We're Learning:

- **Reading/Language Arts** – We have been working on the word family –all, nouns (people, places, animals, and things), plurals (more than one), words ending with -ng, and have continued working on the bonus letter rule.
- **Writing** - We have continued to work on adding catchy introductions and conclusions to our writing. We have begun creating table of contents and chapters for our stories.
- **Math** – In Unit 4, we have been working on **measuring with non-standard units** (anything but a ruler) and addition and subtraction. With addition, we have been working on **combinations of 10** (adding within 10 fluently) and recognizing and **adding double facts** (1+1, 2+2, 5+5, 10+10). We have also been working on skip counting by 2's and 3's.
- **Science** – We have discussed animal groups, such as **mammals, amphibians, birds, fish, reptiles, and insects** and discussed how each group is different.
- **Social Studies** – We have been discussing winter holidays celebrated around the world, including **Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Las Posadas, St. Nicholas's Day (Sinterklaas), and Christmas**. We pretended to follow the Gingerbread Man around the world and spend time looking at pictures and maps from the places we traveled (**Israel, Africa, Mexico, the Netherlands, and the United States**).

### Notes from the Teacher

#### → **Reindeer Day**

First grade will be celebrating the winter season with a "Reindeer Day" on **Monday, December 21**. **Please join us for reindeer crafts, games, and activities from 8:30-10:30!** You will be traveling with the students to visit each first grade teacher and create a craft or complete an activity with them.

#### → **Homework Reminder**

- There will be no language arts packet this weekend or over break. The next packet will come home on the first Friday in January.

- There will be no Math Homework next week. Homework will start again after break.

**\*\* Over break**, please have your child continue to log-in to their iStation and Connect Ed Math accounts as much as possible! A new, free reading resource called "Storia" has been introduced to your child and has books pre-loaded on your child's reading level! Check out the information sheet sent home with your child and get them reading as much as you can!

- **Snack** – Please remember to send one small snack with your child each day. My emergency snacks are running low!

#### → **Reminders:**

Wednesday, December 23 – half day/early dismissal  
NO SCHOOL December 24-January 1  
School will reopen on Monday, January 4

- *Please remember to keep Callie and her family in your prayers. If your child is struggling to understand or cope with her situation, please reach out to myself or Jen Cooley. We're here to help!*

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