

# First Grade News

# JANUARY 2012



## What We Are Learning Now...

- Language Arts: Long vowels spelled various ways, inflected endings, compound words, contractions, continue practicing high frequency words.
- Writing: Small moment stories with a beginning, middle, and ending. Writing complete sentences with correct punctuation, and staying focused on one small moment.
- Comprehension: Fiction text: focus on plot, characters, setting-time and place, problem and solution. Nonfiction text: focus on central idea and key words.
- Math: Continue with addition and subtraction facts to 10, patterns, counting by 2's, 5's, & 10's, and continue word problems with ADD.
- Science: Weather, water cycle, and seasons.
- Art

Happy New Year! We hope you had a fun and relaxing vacation! Thanks to everyone who contributed something for our cookie tasting back in December. We had a great time. It was also a pleasure to speak with all of our parents during parent conferences. Don't forget to work on your child's goals for this trimester!

## What We Have Learned...

- Language Arts: Short vowel word families and high frequency words, reading stories with CVC words and consonant blends words with long vowels and silent e.
- Writing: Writing complete sentences using periods and question marks. All About Books-expository writing, using details to describe a topic, staying focused on a topic.
- Grammar: What nouns, adjectives and verbs are...and how to put them into our writing.
- Comprehension: Reading different types of nonfiction texts, using and identifying text features, telling facts we learned, and restating the main idea of the text.
- Math: Addition and subtraction concepts and facts to 10, related facts and fact families, problem solving, word problems and ADD.
- Social Studies: Holidays in different countries, different cultures and customs.
- Art

## Math Timed Tests

We will be starting timed addition tests. Each Friday your child will be tested on their addition facts for one number, starting with 0's. When addition facts 0 thru 20 are completed, the students will start on subtraction facts 0 thru 20. Our goal is for the students to complete the test with 100% accuracy within 2 minutes. The graded test will indicate which math fact your child needs to study for the following week. Keep flash cards handy, and encourage memorization rather than finger use!

## Important dates to remember.....

Martin Luther King Holiday  
(no school)

1-16

