



1st Grade News!

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Dear Families,

Happy NEW YEAR! We hope your family had a great and relaxing break. We are ready to continue working hard in first grade in the new year!

Brrrr...do you feel Jack Frost nipping at your nose? Winter is here! PLEASE make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. We want everyone to stay healthy and warm. It can sometimes even get a little chilly in our rooms.

Can your child tie their own shoes and zip their own coat? In 1st grade we work really hard to become INDEPENDENT! If your child does not know how to tie their own shoes or zip their own coat, please practice with them at home. How GREAT would it be in the mornings if they could help you get out the door faster!

Thanks for all your support! Remember we are all a TEAM! As always if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via e-mail or at 554-2350.

Have a GREAT Week!
The 1st Grade Team ☺

~Mrs. McGregor, Mrs. Pile, Ms. Rudd and Ms. Strohm

Words to Remember

We have learned the first 100 sight words. Your child should be able to read **ALL** 100 words. We are now learning the 2nd set of 100 words!

Please practice reading these words at home with your child:

number	find	long	get
made	may	part	take
little	place	years	answer
name	am	man	work
after	think	say	where
help	boy	found	give

Upcoming Events

January 12th: NO SCHOOL

January 15th: NO SCHOOL

January 27th: NO SCHOOL

February 6th & 7th: Parent Teacher Conferences
4:00-8:30 pm



Here's What we are Learning!

Reading

Your child should be able to read and sound out short vowel words and beginning blends (cvc words). We are now working on reading words with digraphs (two letters that make one sound-sh, ch, th, wh, ph). Our stories this month focus around the winter season. Continue to practice reading at home with your child. They should be able to read short vowel words and all their sight words in their books.

Math

We will finish up Unit 4 and begin Unit 5. In Unit 4 we formally introduced addition! Learning addition and subtraction facts is a major focus of first grade math. In Unit 5 we will begin to use larger numbers and explore place value. We will use base 10 blocks to represent numbers and to demonstrate their understanding of place value with tens and ones. We will also compare numbers with $<$, $>$, and $=$.



Reminders

Please remember to have your child read **EVERY NIGHT!** You can read to them or better yet they can read to you. Don't forget to record the story in their agenda, found in their G.O. Books. They have a chance to earn 2 prizes if they read 90% of the month. A prize from Dr. E and a Book It coupon. So remember to **READ!**



Thank you for your support and cooperation!