



Mrs. Malland's Mailbox



Nov. 9 - Nov. 16

Parents,

Remember I will be reading less of the weekly reading tests for the students from now on. I will continue to read the story and comprehension questions/answers, as well as the directions for the questions that cover our grammar skills, etc. to make sure they understand the question. However, students will now be expected to read all answer choices (except the comprehension questions) and complete the sight word sentences independently.

On Friday, November 21st our class is going to celebrate Thanksgiving by having a "snacksgiving" feast. This event will just be for our class, so parents should not plan to attend.

We will be having a gingerbread themed winter party on Friday, December 19th, the last day of the semester. More information will come home soon. However, in case you plan to be out shopping or are trying to plan ahead, I want to share what your child will need. We won't draw names or do a traditional gift exchange. Instead, every child will need to bring 24 small items to share as gifts with each of his/her classmates. These items don't have to be extravagant. It is intended to allow each student the opportunity to participate in giving and sharing with our entire class family, while spending as little or as much as you are comfortable with or would like.

(ideas include: fun pencils, fun-size Play-Doh or slime, silly straws, gel pens, rubber bracelets/wristbands, glow sticks, slap bracelets, pop-its, etc.)

*Think party favors or items that come several to a pack and can be separated for easy and inexpensive ways to send enough gifts

As we approach this holiday season, let's be mindful of the different traditions and holidays that each family celebrates. As a teacher trying to protect what each child believes, this can be a very stressful and anxious time of year. In class we will be talking about many winter holidays around the world, but conversations about Santa Claus and elves visiting are also sure to come up among the kiddos. I ask that if Santa is not a part of your family's tradition, please have conversations with your child about not sharing what they know with classmates

IN THE CLASSROOM THIS WEEK

High Frequency words: way, now, today, some, why, away

Phonics: long a (a_e)

Spelling/Phonics Pattern Words: make, take, came, game, gate, late

Grammar: verbs

Reading: plot, predict

Math: equal/balanced equations

Science: Seasons

Fabulous First-Graders

Congratulations to **Baker Williamson!** He has shown excellent behavior and work habits, as well as great participation during class. He is a good work partner and loves to help his peers. He will get to take our weekend buddy, Flat Harvey, home for the weekend! We can't wait to hear all about their adventures.

Homework (optional)

Wed: Write a list of verbs. Then write 3 sentences using some of your verbs.
*practice math facts orally (ex. 2+3, 3+6, 5+2 etc.)

Thurs:
Tell if each equation is true or false:
6+4=5+5; 8+4=5+6; 3+5=2+7; 9+5=7+7
*read a book and record in reading log



November Birthdays

Phillip	11 th
Silas	12 th
Thabo	13 th
Alia	20 th



Future Dates

Nov. 13: School Tour
Nov. 14: Skate Night; Read-a-Thon ends
Nov. 24-28: Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 18: First grade holiday program
Dec. 19: holiday party
Jan. 6: Students return

Things to Remember:

A copy of all the unit 3 sight words was placed in your child's folder. Students will be assessed on these words at the end of the unit.



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WISH LIST

THANK YOU'S

Thank you to Alia, Baker, Phillip, Niloy, and Emerson for bringing paper towels.