



Kraft and Smith

The Third Grade Wave

December 2023

Important Dates

December 19th – Christmas Party

December 20th – January 2nd – Winter Break

- No School

January 3rd – School Resumes



Special Notes

- After reading each night, please sign your child's reading log found in their orange take-home folder. Thank you!
- We are still working very hard on behavior. Your child has been learning and practicing PAX leadership skills. Ask your child what it means to be a PAX leader, and ways they can show these qualities each day. Thank you for helping us reinforce these skills!

Jokes

Your kids LOVE to us tell jokes! Here are a few you can tell them...

❄️ **How do elves respond when Santa takes attendance?**

"Present!"

❄️ **What do you call an obnoxious reindeer?**

Rude-olph.

❄️ **What do grapes sing at Christmas?**

'Tis the season to be jelly.



Learning Targets - December



Reading

With fictional texts, we will practice summarizing and identifying themes. We will also be working to recognize figurative language within a text and discuss how it can add meaning for readers. With nonfiction, we will practice reading closely to answer text-dependent questions.



Writing

This month, we will be finishing up our opinion writing study. We have been learning how to write opinion paragraphs, using text evidence as support for our opinions. Students have practiced writing paragraphs that clearly introduce their opinion, support their opinions with relevant details, use transition words to connect ideas, and provide a concluding statement. We also incorporate grammar and phonics concepts into each writing lesson.

