

# December Newsletter

## Reading

Students will be determining the theme (moral) of a story. They will find text evidence to help determine the lesson that was learned and how it pertains to everyday living.

## Writing

This month, students are working on a research project called Christmas Around the World. Students will research Christmas traditions from a specific country and create a poster to present their information to the class.

## Word Work

Students' individual spelling lists focus on Orton-Gillingham phonic concepts and red words (high frequency words). Spelling lists are given on Monday, activities to practice are incorporated throughout the week, and tests are on Friday. Grammar skills are also practiced daily using Mountain Language.

## Reading Logs:

As a reminder, please have your child add up their minutes they have read each month and sign their calendars. Also, we strongly encourage your child to read over Christmas break.

## Progress Book

Since your child is receiving letter grades this year, we encourage parents/guardians to set up an account on Progress Book and check students' grades regularly. Grades will be updated weekly. Information was sent home on how to set up your account. If you need help, please let us know.



## I Can...

- \*Determine the theme of a reading passage.
- \*Find details in the text to support the theme.
- \*Apply spelling rules when writing.
- \*Spell red words.
- \*Research aspects of a topic.
- \*Present a project from researching a topic.

## Information:

We will be having our Christmas Party on December 19<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to donate items for the party, please make sure they are individually wrapped. Some suggestions are: pretzels, cheese sticks, packs of apple slices, carrot packs, sugar free drink pouches, cheese & crackers, cups, plates, napkins. There are 24 students in the class.

Monday, April 8, 2024, will be a calamity day due to the solar eclipse. There will be no school or extracurricular activities that day including practices, games, or any other type of activities.

## Contact information

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. You may call the school (937-548-2815) and leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can. You may also email us at:

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For your  
calendar

Dec. 19  
Christmas Party

Dec. 20-Jan. 2  
Christmas Break

Jan. 3  
School resumes

