



First Grade December 2017 News



RELIGION

Our focus in December will be Advent and Christmas. We will be making Advent projects to use at home and will have a daily Advent prayer in the classroom. We will also attend weekly Advent services.

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS

We are working on:

- **Phonics** - reviewing short I, o, and e; clusters with r, l, and s; phonograms ip, and ock,
- **Vocabulary** - using a glossary, classifying and categorizing time words, antonyms
- **Comprehension Skills** - giving details about a text, sequence of events, text and graphic features
- **Comprehension Strategies** - inferring/predicting, analyzing texts, and questioning
- **Writing** - writing to describe - poetry and a thank- you note

We will be working on:

- **Phonics** - reviewing short u, final clusters, -ump, the th digraph, base words and -s, -es, -ed, -ing
- **Vocabulary** - synonyms, classification and categorization of color words
- **Comprehension Skills** - story structure (setting, characters, and events) and author's purpose
- **Comprehension Strategies** - visualization of and analyzing/evaluating a story
- **Writing** - writing to describe and writing to inform (using adverbs)

MATH

We will be introducing:

- Counting on with addition situations.
- Counting on with subtraction situations.
- Mixed story problems.

SOCIAL STUDIES

We will continue our unit on *Where We Live*. We will learn about the earth, land, water, natural resources, weather and seasons, cities, towns, suburbs, and our country.

SCIENCE

We will continue our unit on Solids and Liquids.

First Grade Culver's Night is Wednesday, December 6.

Christmas Parties - First Grade will have their Christmas parties on Wednesday, December 20.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! No school Dec. 21- Jan. 1. See you back to school on Jan. 2!

Great stocking stuffers- a container to hold crayons (frosting containers work great), crayons (24), markers, pencils, and erasers.



Please make sure your child has appropriate outdoor clothes... warm jacket, hat, and mittens. Make sure all belongings are labeled with your child's name. Snow pants and boots are required when there is snow.

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY TO: Lucas Ansari, Fin Trovato, Sheryl Abukutsa, Caprice Giacomotti, and Patrick Zschokke.

THANK YOU FOR...

- remembering to send your child prepared for outdoor recess.
- replacing school supplies like pencils, crayons, or markers if needed.
- bringing any concerns to our attention. We want to work as a team with you toward the positive social and academic development of your child.

