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Classroom Connection:

12 DAYS…ONLY 12 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS!!!!

The excitement in in the air and there are signs of Christmas all around!! Please remind your child to stay focused this week and, as we have tests in Reading, Language, and Spelling!!

**THIS IS MY LAST NEWSLETTER UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS BREAK! PLEASE NOTE THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR COVERS THIS WEEK AND NEXT!

Information in regards to our Christmas Class Gift Exchange has been sent home over the last two weeks. I have included it with today's email as well as sent another paper copy home yesterday! Please have all gifts in to school by Monday if possible. Do be sure the gift follows the "rules" of the exchange, is wrapped, designated boy or girl, and has who the gift is from on it!! ****IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PURCHASE A GIFT, PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP AND I WILL HELP TAKE CARE OF IT!!!**

We did wrap up our mid-year NWEA testing this past week. We are working on reports and will let you know when they are available for viewing. Our next big round of testing will come in late February/early March with IREAD and the ISTEP assessments.

If your child is in need of some extra help or practice in math or reading or you want to keep on top of things over Christmas Break, be sure to utilize our Math and Reading websites—www.everydaymathonline.com and www.pearsonrealize.com. Both of these websites provide many great resources and practice activities that can be enjoyed at home. They are also great resources for those nights when your child forgets their homework!! Our class also likes to visit www.turtlediary.com, www.roomrecess.com, and www.mathplayground.com. These websites have many games for all skill levels on a variety of math, reading, and language topics!

Please continue to check and go over your child's assignment notebook for daily notes and assignments. I do check these daily in class!

As always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about your child, our classroom, our school!

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Academic Calendar
Week of 12-12 and 12-19

Reading/Language Arts:
"Around One Cactus"
pg. 510 – 527

Learning Targets:
► Cause and Effect
► Predict and Set Purpose
► Prefixes and Suffixes
► Consonant Patterns—wr, kn, gn, st, and mb

Skill Test and Spelling Test on Friday

**We will wrap up the unit in reading and take the Unit 4 test next week on Monday or Tuesday.

Math: Unit 5

Unit 5:
► 5.3 Equivalent Fractions
► 5.4 Helper Facts
► 5.5 Doubling to Multiply
► 5.6 Doubling to Multiply
► 5.7 Product Patterns
► 5.8 Missing Factors
► 5.9 Fact Strategies.
After break we will review these lessons, continue with the unit, and test the first full week back to school.

Character Corner:

December's Character Trait is Generosity. Generosity is defined as, "readiness or liberality in giving."

A person who demonstrates Generosity will:

*share what they have with others
*recycle
*not expect anything in return for their generosity
*give of their time and talent
*praise the good I see in others.

How will you and your family show generosity this holiday season?

Spelling Words

Consonant Patterns—wr, kn, gn, st, and mb

thumb
gnaw
written
know
climb
design
wrist
crumb
assign
wrench
knot
wrinkle
lamb
knob
knit

Challenge Words
wrestler
bologna
cologne
honeycomb
knickknack

Related Arts Schedule:

Monday: Art
Tuesday: P.E.
Wednesday: Music and Library
Thursday: P.E.
Friday: Music and Library
PLEASE REMEMBER TENNIS SHOES ON P.E. DAYS!!!

Upcoming Dates:

12-14 Eden Movie Night
12-21 Class Christmas Party
12-22 Christmas Break—No School
1-5 School Resumes

Winter Recess:

Please remember that we try to go outside as much as possible for recess during the Winter. At our recess time, it can still be quite chilly out. Please remember to pack a jacket in your child's bag so they are prepared to go outside at recess time! Hats, gloves and scarves all good additions as well!