**December Newsletter**

It was so nice to meet many of you at conferences!

In **math,** we are learning the useful skill of adding a single digit number with a ten. Then we are applying our skill of making a ten (7+3, 4+6, etc.) when we add three numbers. The kids are picking up on this very quickly.

In **reading,** I am pushing them out of their comfort zone to see what they’re capable of.

Thank you for helping your child study their **spelling** lists. Even though we practice these words daily, the extra practice at home is beneficial.

In **phonics,** now that we have completed reviewing all the short vowels, we will begin learning about long vowels after the Thanksgiving break.

We had the incredible experience of having two meteorologists from WABI channel 5 visit both first grade classes to talk about weather. The kids loved it! We have shifted our focus to lights and sounds in **science**.

In **social studies**, we spent some time reading about the first Pilgrims on the Mayflower. We used our new-found knowledge to do some informational writing.

In **writing,** not only did we do some informational writing, but we also took the time for some “fun” writing. We wrote about how to disguise a turkey so it wouldn’t be eaten for Thanksgiving.

**\***With the colder weather approaching, it’s important that your child has a warm jacket and possibly a hat and mittens.

**Dates to know:**

**12/13** Building Gingerbread Houses

**12/16** *“Candy Cane Day”* wear red and white

**12/17** *“Deck the Halls”* wear your ugliest holiday sweater/shirt

**12/18** *“Holiday Character Day”* dress as your favorite holiday character

**12/19** “*Winter Wonderland” wear blue and white* AND at 1pm is our *Winter Concert*

**12/20** “*Polar Express Day”* wear your holiday pajamas

Have a wonderful month!

Mrs. Whittemore