DECEMBER

It’s hard to believe that we are in the last month of 2021! As this year comes to a close, be sure to take the time to reflect on what’s really important: family.

Even though we are not in school for many days this month, we have many special events taking place.
Wednesday, the 8th is an early release day.
Thursday, the 16th is our holiday program.
Friday, the 17th is hat day.
Monday, the 20th is crazy socks day.
Tuesday, the 21st is ugly sweater day.
Wednesday, the 22nd is pajama day.
Thursday, the 23rd begins our holiday break.

During the last week of November, we reviewed all five short vowel sounds. Even though we will be moving on to long A, long E, and long O this month, we will continue to revisit short vowels on a regular basis to help store them in our long-term memory.

For the entire month of December, we will be writing in a journal sent to us from one of Santa’s elves. This is a great way to learn about adjectives as we describe our elf and tell what she’s doing and where she is sitting. We are also going to write another informational piece. This time, the topic will be about reindeer. We will be learning some interesting facts about these animals for this piece from books that we will be reading during our science time.

We have been reading many variations of the Gingerbread man during our daily read aloud. Every day, we make comparisons of the different stories. When we have completed our chart, we will write our own versions of the Gingerbread man.

In math, we have been focusing on the strategies of doubles-plus one and making a ten to figure out basic addition problems. The goal is to find the best way for each child to memorize their math facts.

During reading groups, we are focusing on strategies to help us figure out unknown words and ways to develop a deeper comprehension. We will also be learning about contractions this month.
I’m not sure if you’re aware, but I post my monthly newsletter on the school webpage.

Have a memorable vacation with your family!

Sincerely,
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