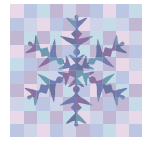


First Grade News



January 2012



Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a restful winter break and are ready for an exciting January. Here is a look at what is going on with our hard working first graders in the New Year.



Weather



We want your children to stay healthy this winter! Please send your child to school every day prepared for outdoor recess. This means they should be wearing a warm coat, a hat, and gloves or mittens. It gets cold out there! Classrooms also vary in temperature, so students should dress in layers.



Snow Days



Please be sure to check for delayed openings, early releases or school closings in cases of inclement weather. Closings are listed on T.V. and radio, as well as on the Montgomery County Public Schools website: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org.



Student Supplies



Please check with your child to make sure he or she has all the supplies needed. Some of our children are running low on glue, pencils, and erasers.



Dates To Remember:

January 2 – No School

January 9 – Read for Health

January 11 – College Awareness - Wear your college gear to school

January 16 – No School

January 18 – 9:30 to 11:00 Field Trip to the recycling center

January 20 – Second marking period ends

January 23 – Professional Day: No school for students

January 26 – 9:40 School Family Assembly

Curriculum Focus:



Math – We are working on the following:

- Solving addition and subtraction problems to 20 using strategies such as counting on, counting back, doubles, and doubles plus one.
- Fact families.
- Finding missing numbers in equations.
- Determining if an equation is true or false.



Reading – We will be working on story elements in literary texts. This will include characters, setting, problem, solution and events of the story. We will also look at author messages and lessons in stories.



Writing – We will focus on writing narrative text. We will spend time on generating ideas, developing and organizing our writing. We will continue to revise our writing for capital letters, punctuation, word wall words, and word spacing.



Social Studies – We will continue to learn about traditions and customs. We will learn about the different family members and the special traits and customs of a family. We will also be comparing the similarities and differences between cultures. We will be learning about food, shelter, clothing, traditions, and customs of different cultures.



Science – We will investigate and explore magnetism. We will learn

about magnetic and non-magnetic materials. We will also learn how magnets attract and repel.



**From your first grade
teachers,**

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