



Mrs. Foley's



Classroom Newsletter

December 16, 2011

Snacks

We are still very low on snacks. I realize that the same 5-10 parents are consistently providing these for the class. Know that I appreciate it. Some families are not financially able to make donations. Here are a few suggestions the kids really like. Prepackaged items are best.

- Special K Bars
- Nutri-Grain cereal bars
- fruit roll-ups
- pretzels
- Cheese-It crackers
- Teddy Grahams or animal crackers
- Rice Krispy Treats

Multiplication

We have recently begun learning our X facts (0-9). The students have already had a lot of practice with X 2, 5, 9, 0, 1, and 10. We will take 1-minute timed tests (20 problems in 1 minute) once a week beginning in January. Third graders are expected to master all of the X facts 0-9 by the end of the year or sooner. I'd highly suggest your child work with flash cards and websites such as www.multiplication.com at home for a few minutes every night. We will be learning the fact families in this order:

2, 5, 9, 0, 1, 10, 4, 3, 8, 6, 7

(The 0, 1, 2, and 5 fact families should be review from second grade.)

Cold and Flu Season

Keep in mind that if your child is running a fever or throwing up, you should keep him/her home for AT LEAST 24 hours after the symptoms end without medication. In the classroom we wash desks and disinfect "community property" such as door handles, faucets, and computers regularly.

No Homework

There will be no homework or spelling words next week. Your child should continue studying basic math facts (addition, subtraction, and multiplication) for 10+ minutes and reading for 15+ minutes nightly.

Season's Readings

On Thursday, your child likely brought home 5 Oakland library books as part of a special "Season's Readings" program. Detailed information was sent home along with a present project. Please help your child find a safe place to keep these books during the next 3 weeks. Encourage him/her to read independently and aloud to others. They are due back on the Thursday we return.

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Absences

Please notify the office staff when your child will be absent. If you would like your child's work gathered and sent home at the end of the day with a sibling or left in the office, please request it when you call to report the absence. Work will NOT be gathered in advance of an absence, such as when families take a vacation. Your child will be provided with that work when he/she returns. Your child has one day to make up work for each day he/she was absent. It is your child's responsibility to keep track of the work and complete it on time. Extra copies will not be provided if they are lost.

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, December 21

End of 2nd Quarter

Thursday, December 22

Winter Break Begins

Thursday, January 5

School Resumes

Thursday, January 12

Report Cards Sent Home

Monday, January 16 &

Tuesday, January 17

NO SCHOOL