



Mrs. Foley's



Classroom Newsletter

December 21, 2011

To Do List

1. Read for 15+ minutes each day.
2. Practice addition and subtraction basic math facts. Work on speed.
3. Practice X and division basic math facts. Work on speed.
4. Make corrections on classwork below 75%. They are due by 9:05 on Thursday morning.
5. Create your "Season's Readings" gift collage.
6. Give your parents and other family members a hug. Thank them for all they do for you.

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.)

Report Cards

Second quarter report cards are being sent home after Winter Break. Please have your child return only the brown envelope with the "Parent Comment and Signature Card."

Book Report

The kids did a great job on creating and presenting their games!

Room Party

Thanks to the room parents who planned and led our classroom winter party on Tuesday. The kids had a lot of fun and appreciate your time and effort!

Season's Readings

Last week, 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. The collage can be returned to me after break. Please help your child find a safe place to keep these books during the next 2 weeks. Encourage him/her to read independently and aloud to others. They are due back on the Thursday we return.

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

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