



1st Grade with Mrs. Elder Weekly Newsletter

Week of December 16th

Class News:

Happy December!

It's the official countdown until Christmas and we are all so excited!!

We have a Fun Filled Friday planned! Kindergarten and 1st Grade will start the day off by watching The Polar Express on the big screen in our auditorium. To make it a bit more festive, kiddos (and teachers) can wear PJs to school!

After the movie, we'll enjoy some hot chocolate back in our room while we do our Book Exchange. Everyone should have received information about our classroom book exchange. If you did not receive the information, please let me know. **All books should be brought to school by Wednesday.** Please have them wrapped and labeled with To and From. If you know your kiddo will not be at school on Friday, please let me know as soon as possible so I can make adjustments.

We'll end our Friday with our classroom Holiday Party! An email was sent to all parents who signed up to help with this party. Please let me know if you think you signed up, but did not receive an email from me.

Friday is sounding FABULOUS!!!

Thanks!!

Mrs. Elder

Important Dates/Events:

December 18th – Book Exchange Books Due

December 20th – Book Exchange

December 20th – Classroom Holiday Party

December 23rd – January 3rd No School



Learning Focus for the week:

Reading – We'll continue to learn how good readers visualize as they read. We'll spend time noticing the movie that plays in our head as we read and how the pictures details the author gives us.

Word Work – During word work, we'll review all the spelling concepts that we've covered this year. That includes short vowel sounds, digraphs, blends, and the Floss cumulative Show Me What You Know on Friday.

Writing – Students will write one last opinion piece this week to show how much they've learned as opinion writers.

Math – We'll focus on subtracting 7, 8, and 9 from teen numbers using the counting on/back strategy and the taking from 10 strategy.

Science – With all the festive events we had last week, we didn't get to complete the "Blubber" activity in science. We'll be sure to squeeze that in

Core Essentials – Our word for the month is JOY. Joy is finding happiness even when things don't go exactly as you had planned.

No homework this week or over break.