



December 16, 2019

Dear Parents,

It is the last week before our holiday break, and Miss Susan and I have planned an enjoyable, stress-free week. . **There will be no weekly spelling!!!** The only homework will be assigned on Monday and Tuesday, and it will cover the days' math practice. The Friday folder was not sent home on Friday as it will be sent home on Wednesday and will contain your child's work from last week and Monday and Tuesday of this week. Please send the folders back to school on Thursday so we can organize and be ready for after the break. Following is a glimpse into our week ahead:

- Reading and writing activities will relate to the Holiday Season. We will write an opinion piece using facts to support having a real or artificial tree. We will also be using a world map to show where Germany, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago, and Australia are as we learn through our reading and researching that Christmas is a holiday that is celebrated all around the world in different ways.
- *Twas the Night Before Christmas* "small" performance on Friday before the party.
- Holiday tangrams and origami math - There are so many benefits in having your child engage in these activities: they're a learning tool for building STEM skills, they reinforce spatial relationships, help with learning geometric terms, and help kids develop stronger problem solving strategies. If you're needing to get another gift, either of these would be perfect! I've copied a link that we will be watching this week to, hopefully, set the mood for some tangram fun. Sage's Story - The story of tangrams.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X5mc-dkYLfI&feature=youtu.be>

- Guest readers for the week are: Geron Cadden on Tuesday and Amanda or John Matter on Wednesday. If you can't make it, no worries - just let me know.
- PLEASE make sure that your child's book for the exchange is sent to school by Tuesday.
- We will be meeting with Mrs. Lamoreux's 8th graders Tuesday afternoon for an activity.
- 2nd grade holiday movie in the auditorium on Thursday at 10:00.
- Holiday party on Friday at 1:00.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season - I'm looking forward to a week full of



Peace and Joy,
Mrs. Linda Hall