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Mrs. Schneider's First Grade News

Our Week in Language Arts

Reading: This week we read *The Good Bad Cat*, and *Did you See That Rabbit?* We worked on making predictions, retelling, comprehension, and cause and effect. Ask your child to retell these stories to you. The next two weeks I will access reading, as our marking period ends, January 20th.

Spelling: We now have ten new word wall words to learn each week. Your child should first learn these words as instant sight words. Once your child knows the word and can read it instantly, your child should practice spelling the word and write sentences using the words.

Writing: This week we reviewed two writing traits, ideas and organization. We began to work on the voice in our writing. We wrote about Christmas. We tried to focus on our voice in our writings, trying to be original and take risks in making our writing exciting to our readers. We still need to work on writing complete sentences, and writing stories with a beginning, middle, and end.

Oral Presentations: Our first oral presentation will be the week of January 16th. Your child will be expected to give a three minute presentation about a special gift or toy they received for Christmas. They should bring the gift or toy to school on the day of their presentation. The toy or gift will be used as a prop. A letter giving more details and your child's date to present will come home next week in their homework folder.

Welcome Back to a New Year

I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing break. I enjoyed many parties and get-togethers with family and friends. We ate lots of good food, enjoyed lots of laughter, and games. It made for a fun break. Now I need to catch up on sleep.

It's hard to believe 2012 is here, and we soon begin the second half of our school year. We will be working even harder to prepare for second grade.

Religion: We are focusing on the Christmas season. Today Fr. Loren lead us in a special Epiphany blessing.

Math: Tuesday we reviewed fact families, and practiced using addition to subtract. We also worked on choosing addition or subtraction to solve a problem. We took our Math test today and they will come home next week. Next week we begin a chapter on Geometry and Fractions.

Science: This week we began a new science unit on weather, called **Weather Watchers**. We will observe and record weather changes each day and learn more about weather and weather patterns.

Important information on the back.

Social Studies: Next week we begin a unit called **Work! Work! Work!** We will learn more about the jobs we do and our role at home, school, and in our community. We will also learn about the work grown-ups do. We will be asking parents to come in to the classroom to share their jobs with us, the week of Jan. 24-27th and Jan. 30-Feb. 3. A form will come home later to sign up. If you are interested and have a certain day and/or time that works best for you, please let me know.



A Special Announcement:

Keira Chapman has a new baby brother, Murphy. Murphy was born on December 22, 2011. He is at DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids following a surgery to attach his esophagus to his stomach. He is expected to be there recovering for about three weeks. Mom, Michelle is staying close by at the Ronald McDonald house.

SHAgala Basket Donations

This is a friendly reminder to send in donations to fill our SHAgala classroom basket for the silent auction. Our theme is "**Fun Night at Home.**" Some suggestions are board games, card games, DVD's, video rental certificates, chips, candy, crackers, popcorn, beverages, etc. Please try to have donations in by the end of January. The sooner the better to be sure we have a full basket. Thanks for all you do to help support our school. We could not do it without our wonderful parents.

Upcoming Events

Looking Ahead:

- Jan. 12th Mass at 8:00 a.m.
Please join us, if you can.
- Jan 17th Pajama Read-In and Game Night,
6:15-7:30 p.m. Reservations
requested.
- Jan. 19th Half day, dismissal at 10:30 a.m.
No Mass on the 19th
- Jan. 26th Mass at 8:00 a.m.
Please join us, if you can.