

December 2, 2019

Mrs. Dafoe's



Fantastic First Graders

Reading This week our texts are The Big Race and Rules and Laws.

Genre Fantasy & Informational text

Target skill Cause and effect

Grammar Verbs and time

Vocabulary Strategies

Shades of meaning

Spelling

This week we will work on the vowel long a. I like to refer to it as "a magic e". The "e" at the end makes the vowel say its name. This is a hard concept for the kids, and they will need a lot of practice! We will play spelling battleship, finding long a words in books, do word sorts, white board spelling and unscrambling sentences.

Spelling words this week: came, make, brave, late, gave, shape, waves, chases

Our challenge words are: baseball, bakery, playdate

High Frequency Words (sight/trick words): four, over, two, five, starts, watch, into, three

Social Studies We will start our exploration of different celebrations around the world including Christmas, Kwanza, Hanukkah, La Posada, etc. Our student experts on each topic will start us off! Then we will learn about a different holiday each week up until winter break. We will be reading wonderful stories, and making lots of keepsakes.

Math We continue to work on place value, as well as learning to make a table, comparing numbers, and counting by 5's and 10's using counters, base ten blocks, and cubes. We also work on story problems daily. ****PLEASE practice math facts, addition and subtraction, for quick recall with your child, 0-20. Any extra help you can give with this at home would be greatly appreciated!**

Writing We will be incorporating Hanukkah into our writing time. We will also have time to work on writing workshop and our family journals!

Holiday Party Information

Looking aheadOur holiday party will be on Wednesday, December 18th from 11:35-12:40. Our room parents will be contacting you in regards to supplies and volunteering. **Thank you so much in advance!**

Upcoming Experts

Dec. 2 – Hanukah – Rylee

Dec. 16 – Christmas Traditions – Evie

Jan. 7 – Earth and Space – Easton

Jan. 13 – Martin Luther King Jr. - Trae

**All of the information on becoming an expert is posted on my website with details. If you have further questions, let me know.*

Important Dates to Remember

- Dec. 1 – Mrs. Dafoe's Birthday
- Dec. 2 – Dibels testing
- Fri., Dec. 6 – PTO Family Holiday Movie Night
- Wed., Dec. 18 – Winter Party, 11:35-12:40
- Thurs. Dec. 19th – Jingle Jog 9:45, Last day for students
- Fri., Dec. 20 – Jan. 6 Winter Break
- Tues., Jan. 7 – Students return to school
- Mon., Jan. 20 – No School
- Fri., Jan. 31 – Boosterthon Fun Run 9 am

Have a fabulous week!

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December Birthdays

Mrs. Dafoe – 1st
Kylie – 4th
Kieren – 7th



**"Childhood is a journey, not a race."
- Author Unknown**