Mrs. Calmes' Newsletter Week 15

Check out what's happening...

This week we will begin learning about Christmas traditions around the world. Each kindergarten teacher will teach students about traditions in two different countries, students will travel around the "world" to learn about those countries' Christmas customs and traditions.

As we are all busy preparing for the holiday season, the students are busy perfecting their skills as we finish out the second quarter of kindergarten! Can you believe there are only two weeks left in this quarter? I will be checking students on second quarter skills and after break will send home a checklist of skills as well as update Schoology. Content Updates... **Reading:** This week we will be reading several different versions of the <u>Gingerbread Man</u>. We will be recording the story elements for each story and identifying similarities and differences between each story.

Math: In math we will learn a variety of strategies to solve addition problems. Students will be making a movable number line to use to solve addition problems.

Sight words/ Phonics: This week we will be working on the letter r. We will practice reading and writing words that begin with this letter. We will practice reading and writing words that contain the hunks and chunks we have learned so far.

Social Studies: This week students will learn about Christmas customs and traditions around the world.

Dates to give a HOOT about...

December 9th and 10th NEO Christmas Bazaar December 17th Pajama day December 18th Classroom parties December 19th Wear red and green, last day of second quarter. Contact...

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WHO's" got the news

Reminders...

- Please check the snack calendar to see when your child has snack.
- Our Christmas Party will be December 18th at 2:10. Currently I still need one parent volunteers. I need the names of parent volunteers ahead of time to give the office.
- Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for recess.
- The NEO Christmas Bazaar is the 9th and 10th. If your child will be shopping please send money in the envelop that was sent home last week!
- This week Student Council will be hosting a canned food drive. Classes that collect at least 50 cans will get to watch their teacher participate in the *Minute to Win it* contest.

Who who can ...

These are the "I can" statements we will be working on this week!

I can read and write three letter words.

I can add two numbers together.

I can read my sight words.

I can identify numbers 0-20.

I can compare and contrast two stories using a Venn Diagram.

Math Tip: This week in math we will lea how to use the number line to solve addition problems. You can turn a slider Ziploc baggie into a number line. Addition problems can be written on index cards, placed in the bag and then solved with the number line.

Activity Schedule

Monday: Music Tuesday: PE Wednesday: Library Thursday: Art Friday: PE