

First Grade News

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families! I hope you enjoy your time off from school. **The only homework over the break is to have your child learn how to tie his/her shoes if they do not already know how to do so. There will be a special prize for anyone who can tie two bows independently in January.** If you would like ideas for extra work, check out those on this page.

Author of the week:

We will continue to study **Jan Brett** when we return.

Questions to ask your child:

- *What is the difference between a topic sentence and a conclusion?
- *What is the difference between a digraph and a blend? (digraphs are two letters that make one sound; blends are two letters that blend together, but still make two sounds).

The Big Cheese

Miranda S. was our Big Cheese this week. Miranda's favorite subjects are math, reading, and spelling. Her favorite sport is basketball and she is good at P.E. When she grows up, Miranda wants to be a horse trainer. She is looking forward to Christmas and can't wait for it to "Giddy-up and get here!"

mark your calendar

- *Monday, January 6th, is a Teacher Work Day. School for students begins on Tuesday, January 7th
- *Wednesday, January 15th, is a late start day, beginning at 10:20/
- *Monday, January 20th, is Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and there is no school.

we are learning

Reading

I believe that reading with and to your child is the best homework ever. Enjoy many varieties of books and RAZ Kids is also available over break.

Writing

Have your child keep a journal of their break. We usually write a minimum of 3 sentences and edit them for spelling, capitals, periods, and making sense. We've also worked a lot on writing topic sentences, 3 detail sentences, and a concluding sentence. I have added a copy of our informative writing assessment to peechees. If they score "non-proficient" in any area, they are marked "non-proficient." This is just our first try, and we will come back to it more times to try again.

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Any kind of math practice is beneficial. You and your child can write word problems together to solve. Also, practicing basic addition and subtraction facts with flashcards is helpful.

Math questions to ask your child:

- *What is your favorite strategy for solving subtraction problems?
- *Can you use these three numbers to write at least 4 different equations: (7,9,16) (8,9,17)?

