



# First Grade News

## December 1, 2017



### What We're Learning Next Week...

#### Inquiry into Integrated Literacy

- Next week we will be starting a new story in our literacy pilot series. We will be spending the next couple weeks reading The Recess Queen by Alexis O'Neill. Next week we will be working on skills such as using context clues and analyzing an author's word choice. We will also continue writing opinions about characters in a text and then supporting those opinions.

#### Inquiry into Words Their Way

- Thank you for practicing these words with your child! Please make sure to sign the Words Their Way paper in their folder.

#### Inquiry into Integrated Math

- Next week we will continue working on Topic 4. We will use addition facts to find subtraction facts, explain the strategies we use to solve subtraction problems, solve different kinds of addition and subtraction problems, and explore reasoning.

#### Inquiry into Transdisciplinary Themes

- During the next two weeks we will be learning about our next unit of inquiry, *How We Organize Ourselves*. We will inquire about what we already know about teams and different kinds of teams (not just sports!). We will do some team building activities where we can see what roles people have in a team.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **December 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Picture Retake Day
- **December 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Spirit Day - Wear a hat!
- **December 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Early Dismissal 12:15
- **December 25<sup>th</sup>-January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
No School

#### Special Area Schedule

##### *Next week*

Monday (Day 1): Library, Art  
 Tuesday (Day 2): Spanish  
 Wednesday (Day 3): Gym  
 Thursday (Day 4): Music  
 Friday (Day 5): Spanish

##### *Week of December 11<sup>th</sup>*

Monday (Day 6): Gym  
 Tuesday (Day 1): Art, Library  
 Wednesday (Day 2): Spanish  
 Thursday (Day 3): Gym  
 Friday (Day 4): Music



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### Announcements from Ms. Waninger

- ❖ Picture Retake Day is Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Students who are not pleased with their pictures and would like to have them retaken should bring their full packet of pictures that they received to school. The original order will be filled as it was ordered in October. Anyone who was absent on picture day (October 11<sup>th</sup>) will have their picture taken on this day, as well.
- ❖ Thank you for continuing to help your child complete the homework (math and Words Their Way) that comes home each night.
- ❖ Please send a healthy snack with your child each day!

### Wish List

**Snack (goldfish, pretzels, etc)**

### Announcements from YARCS

- Please be reminded that girls should be wearing SOLID colored tights (black, brown, navy or white).
- Students should be wearing predominantly navy, black, brown or white shoes. Thank you for your help with this!
- Please remember to have your child wear tennis shoes on our PE day (Day 3 and 6).
- As the weather gets colder, please make sure your child comes to school with a jacket for recess. Thank you!
- Please remember to label your child's sweaters, jackets, etc.

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