

The BUDDIES' Buzz

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Week of December 15, 2008

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First Grade Latest

Important Information:

- Friday is a half day. Students will be released at 11:00.
- RAH! RAH! I won't be sending home books during the Winter Break, but I will send home some reading logs.
- Volunteers: December 17th, 9:00 till 10:30—the day we will be making Gingerbread Houses. Let me know if you are able to be part of the fun. ☺

Reading Key Strategy: Sequence

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th parts of a story.

On the back is a **graphic organizer** for this reading comprehension skill, feel free to write/draw this instead of one of the assigned HW.

No Homework this week, but feel free to check out some new sites:

Tangrams:

http://nlvm.usu.edu/en/nav/frames_asid_268_g_1_t_3.html?open=activities

Geoboards:

http://nlvm.usu.edu/en/NAV/frames_asid_172_g_2_t_3.html

Homework Reminders:

- Studies recommend 10 to 15 minutes nightly for 1st grade level.
- Work **together** with your child developing good habits.
- You may substitute an activity; just send in a note with the weekly packet.
- "**Grading**": check/+ (Excellent); check (Fine); and check/- (messy)

Last 2 Weeks:

--**Writing:** writing a letter to Santa and The School Wide writing prompt: "Convincing your parents to take you to a special place"

--**Social Studies:** Gift Givers around the World, map skills—continents and oceans

--**Math:** vocabulary words: sides and vertices, related math facts; solving - equations with related facts: $6+5=11$ / $11-5=6$ and $11-6=5$

--**Working with Words:** December words; Word Searches; Making Words, word patterns, ACB order, Rainbow writing (write the word and use color pencils to write on top) and "Stretching out a word"(sounding it out)

--**Literacy Stations: Writing:** putting poems and stories in order;

Listening: The Night Before Christmas—ch/th/sh/wh words;

Games: Holiday Bingo Word Game;

Art—winter works; **Book/Look/Nook:** Holiday Books; **Project:** Christmas in Sweden vs. My Holiday Traditions

Check out our webpage—

Homework copies...

Computer Links...

Pictures...