**Important Dates**

December 5 – 8: Santa Shop

December 7: Dress Down for Juvenile Diabetes - $1

December 8: Musical Explorers Field Trip

December 16: Spirit Wear Day

December 16: Holiday Party 12:30 – 1:30

December 20: Polar Express Day – Wear PJs to school

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December 5th – 9th

Mrs. Cavinder's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The halfway point of first grade is fast approaching! The students are doing great!! I am happy to set up conference times for anyone who would like to meet to discuss their child’s progress.

Sincerely, Mrs. Cavinder

We did not have a spelling test this past Friday. The spelling test for these words will be Wednesday, December 7th.

**Reminders**

* Remember to send you child a nutritious snack daily.
* If you haven’t yet, join Class Dojo to stay up to date with your child’s behavior in class.
* Times to remember: School begins at 8:25. Students are tardy after 8:30. Early dismissal ends at 2:30.

**Spelling Words:**

sang thank

swing think

strong honk

stung trunk

my try why

The phonetic sounds / word families we are working on are: ng (ang, ing, ong, ung) and nk (ank, ink, onk, unk).

**AR and Library:** We will be going to the library as a class every Wednesday morning. Please help your child to remember to bring their library books each Wednesday, so they can exchange them.

**Sight Words:** We will learn/review our sight words this year. Please keep the sight word packet in your child’s folder. As children are ready to be tested on a list, they will let me know and I will test them.

The Santa Shop will be open Monday – Thursday. Students may bring money to purchase items ranging from $1-$5.

Our winter party will be Friday, December 16th from 12:30 – 1:30. We will be having fun decorating gingerbread houses, playing a game, and eating! Please join us! I have set up a sign-up genius for items that we will need for the party, to build gingerbread houses, and Polar Express Day. Please contribute what you can to help make this party fun for the children! They deserve it! Here is the link, I will also be sending by email.

**http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4dacac2da1f94-holiday**

**Homework**

Reading and practicing sight words daily ☺ Homework will be checked every Friday.

* Math Packet (one page a night)
* Practice spelling your choice!

**Check out what we are**

**learning this week!**

* Math: Addition and subtraction, story problems with adding and subtracting
* Language Arts/Phonics: Reviewing phonics concepts, nk and ng blends, writing complete sentences and adding details to sentences, writing how-to
* IB: Profile word of the month – Inquirers
* IB Planner: Who We Are – Nutrition, ways to stay healthy, healthy vs. unhealthy food, food groups
* Reading: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, writing summaries (beginning, middle, end), sequencing, story elements (characters, setting, problem, solution)