



December News

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that the holiday season is here! We hope you had an enjoyable and restful Thanksgiving with your family and friends. We continue to be very busy in our classrooms.

In reading we are finishing our second anthology based around nature. The children had a great time exploring nature in our own community. For the next two weeks we will be studying the elements of a folktale. We will be reading many different folktales and comparing different versions' of the same story. Our third anthology theme is Around Town: Neighborhood and Community. We will read a variety of stories about different communities and the members that make them up.

In math, students will be working with money. We have been identifying each coin. Then, students will solve word problems involving dollar bills, quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies. They have had many opportunities to practice counting money and using the \$ and cent symbols appropriately. Next, the students will learn how to tell time using an analog clock. We will begin by teaching to

tell time to the hour, half hour and then to the 5 minutes. This can be a very challenging concept. Any practice at home with an analog clock verses a digital clock is greatly appreciated. Second graders should have a firm grasp on their math facts, addition and subtraction, up to 12 by this time of the year. We have moved on to sums up to 15. Please continue to work on these facts at home.

For the next few weeks in social studies, we will be discussing holiday traditions from around the world. Each class will be learning about traditions that originated from other countries. There will be a culminating activity taking place on Friday, December 19th. More information will be coming soon.

We would like to thank the PTA in advance for organizing the Snow Bowl experience for the students. We know this will be a wonderful day filled with lots of memories.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a wonderful vacation!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Barlit