



Fun in First Grade



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Peek at our Week



"Paws" for These Events

Tue., Dec. 20th - Tiger Tuesday wear blue & gold!

Wed., Dec. 21st - 2:00 dismissal

Thurs., Dec. 22nd - 2:00 dismissal & classroom winter parties, Wear PJ's!!!!

Fri., Dec. 23rd - No School; Winter break begins

Sun., Dec. 25th - Merry Christmas!

Tues., Jan. 3rd - Students return to school

Reading:

This week was all about the four seasons! The kids enjoyed reading several informational texts and poetry about the seasons. We also practiced determining Cause and Effect in stories and visualizing to aid in comprehension. We read paper books that contained the digraphs sh, wh, ph and the contractions with 's, and n't.

Writing/Grammar:

We have been writing paragraphs that inform the reader and making our paragraphs more interesting by adding adjectives to describe our nouns. We have also been learning about appropriate word endings such as -ed, -ing, -s, and -es.

Math: We "wrapped up" chapter 9 on Addition Sums to 12 and slid right in to Subtraction Facts including the number 12! We will be working with number lines and relative subtraction facts ($12-4=8$ and $12-8=4$). These are similar to our Fact Families we worked with a few weeks ago, only now we are focusing on the subtraction sentences.



Grrrreat Ideas!

Talk with your child about what it means to be an honest and trustworthy person and why it is important. Make sure he/she knows that it is important to you. Watch a television program together, and talk about the various ways in which the characters acted dishonestly towards one another. Remember, you are your child's most important teacher. He or she will learn a lot about being trustworthy from watching what you do.

Just a reminder, instead of a gift exchange 1st graders are learning about the importance of giving by sending in donations to Contact Ministries, the women and children's shelter in Springfield. If you have not already, please consider sending in a small donation of \$1-\$5 to bring a bit of joy to those in need. What an opportunity to have your child help around the house and earn money to donate, so their donation really comes from the heart!



December Paw Pride Trait: HONESTY

These are some topics we may be discussing over the next couple of weeks on honesty:

An honest person does not cheat, steal or lie. An honest person is reliable and keeps their promises. An honest person has the courage to do what is right, even when it seems difficult. An honest person is a good friend and does not betray a trust.

