



First Grade News

Mrs. Murray

Roosevelt Elementary December 2010

Dear Parents and Families,

I cannot believe it is nearly December already and we only have three weeks left until the holiday break! We have a lot of fun things planned in First grade. We will be learning about four different holiday celebrations including Los Posadas, Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanza. Please let me know if you would like to share how your family celebrates the holidays. We are emphasizing the diversity of our world and the many ways that we are alike, but different.

Happy Birthday this month to *Sam* on December 7th !

Snacks

Thank you for all your snack donations, they are always much appreciated!



Volunteers

It has been great having family volunteers in the classroom. Your support is invaluable. If you have not been in yet but would like to, please call and let me know when you would like to come in. We are having a holiday celebration Friday, Dec. 17th so let me know if you would like to help out!

Homework

I do send homework home in the red Monday folders to be turned in on Fridays. Congratulations to all of our first graders returning all of their homework!



Other News

-Please dress your children prepared for the weather! We have outdoor recess everyday, even if it rains or snows the covered playshed is open and children need warm coats, hats, and even mittens on some days.



We have begun meeting with our new reading buddies from Mrs. Gentz's fourth grade class. Next time many first graders will get to take their first AR quiz on the computer with the help of their Buddy. We will meet with our Buddies every other Friday. Parents are more than welcome to assist your child in taking an AR quiz before or after school on the Pod A, or music room computers. You will need to get your child's password from me before hand. Your child will need to read an AR book, or have someone read one to them before they take the quiz on their "comprehension" of what the book was about.

Report cards go home this Friday Dec. 3rd. These are our brand new version of the Olympia School District reports and there will be literature to walk you through it. Your feedback is also important to us, so let me know what you think of the new format.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday	11-30	Passport Check
Wednesday	12-1	1 hour late start
Friday	12-3	Report cards home
Friday	12-17	First grade Holiday celebration, 2:30
Mon./Fri.	12-20/12-31	Winter Break, No School
Wednesday	1-12	1 hour late start
Monday	1-17	MLK Jr. Holiday/No School
Wednesday	2-2	1 hour late start
Fri./Mon.	2-18/2-21	Mid Winter Break/No school
Wednesday	3-2	1 hour late start
Friday	3-4	Teacher In-Service/No School
Friday	3-11	Early Release 12:52
Mon./Fri.	3-21/3-25	Spring Conferences/Early Release 12:52
Mon./Fri.	4-4/4-8	Spring Break/No School
Wednesday	5-4	1 hour late start
Monday	5-30	Memorial Day/No School
Wednesday	6-4	1 hour late start
Friday	6-7	1 st grade Field trip Hands on Museum/Capitol
Monday	6-20	Last Day of School/ Early Release 12:52

Thank you parents for all of your support in first grade. It has been a pleasure getting to know your children and watching them grow into such special people. Every day just gets better and better as we learn about each other! May you and your families have a safe and Happy Holiday break!

Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns. I check my voicemail daily, and will return your call as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Jan Murray
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