

First Grade Newsletter

“God Centered Education For Life”

December 2011

Show and Tell for the month of December will be to bring or tell something about winter, or bring or tell something about Christmas. The first graders may bring show and tell on any day in December.

We will have a **“guessing jar”** in December. Please help your child put **1-50** items in the guessing jar when he/she takes the jar home. Return the jar to school with the items inside. Do not allow your child to put tissues in the jar. Thanks! Remind your child not to tell other students the amount in the guessing jar. We will guess how many items are in the jar. Check on the calendar when it is your child’s turn. Thanks!

We will be studying a unit on skip counting, and a unit on number sense from 1-100. We will also continue with addition and subtraction drills at school. Any review at home is a great idea! Thanks!

The school theme for December is “Patience.” The song is “Have Patience.”

In Bible, we will focus on the Christmas stories.

Remember the spelling words will be sent home every Monday. Please review these with your child. The first graders have been doing a great job on their tests. Thanks for your help!

I have been letting the first graders read their memory verses so they would match the written word with the spoken words. Now the class is becoming “readers” of the verses. So they will recite the verse without the words starting in December.

December 5-9: Theme: Kids Around the World **Story:** "Kids Can Help"
Words To Know: girl, boy, together, when, people, care, water, sled, swim
Memory Work: Luke 2:11 Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

Thursday, December 8, is the Christmas Program.

**Guessing Jar: Monday: Gracie Tuesday: Gavin Wednesday: Carlie
Thursday: Joshua Friday: Ashley**

December 12-16: Theme: Me and My Shadow **Story:** "Short Shadows, Long Shadows"

Words To Know: light, our, would, your, again, such, when

Memory Verse: Luke 2: 12 This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.

**Guessing Jar: Monday: Abi Tuesday: Shane Wednesday: Karyss
Thursday: Colton Friday: Maci**

Maci's birthday is Sunday, December 18. We will celebrate on Friday, December 16. Remember to say "Happy Birthday" to Maci on Friday!

December 19-21: Story: "The Gingerbread Man" and "The Gingerbread Baby."

Words to Know: We will be choosing the words at school.

**Guessing Jar: Monday: Mateo Tuesday: David Wednesday: Charlie
No memory verse or spelling words this week.**

We will have our Christmas Party on the last day of school at 2:00 p.m.

Mateo's birthday is June 25, so Mateo's half birthday will be December 25. We will celebrate Mateo's birthday on Wednesday, December 21. Remember to say "Happy Birthday" to Mateo on Wednesday!

Christmas vacation: December 22-January 2, 2011.

Have a Blessed Holiday Season with your families! Thanks for your support and partnership in the education of your child. Thanks for your help with the Thanksgiving Pilgrims and Native Americans!

In His Service,

Mrs. Hofman