



CLASSROOM NOTES

For the end of the week of: December 15, 2014

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OH MY! We knew the time would go quickly ... AND IT DID! I would like to take a moment to thank all of you for allowing me the privilege to be the teacher for your children. I am so truly blessed to work in such an amazing district with such tremendous support from families. I hope you all have a wonderful and restful break that will be filled with lasting memories.

Happy Holidays ...Safe Travels ...Happy New Year ...Hugs to All!

MANY THANKS to all who prepared wonderful winter festival for students. It was fabulous and all had a great time!

READING & Grammar

The week we return from break students will take the reading test. We will spend the beginning of the week reviewing the skills of the quarter. ****Contractions** (she = she's; will not = won't etc. have been challenging. This is a skill that could be practiced over break if you are looking for something to do!

Math

The math fluency goal for Quarter 2 = 30!

Students will take the end of the quarter math test. We will review the skills during the week. ****I will make sure the reading & math tests are not given on the same day. **Time and money concepts are very challenging. I will reassess students when we return from break and get an update to you.**

Word Study

Writing Workshop

Word Study: R-controlled -ur- words will be a focus when we return. **Writing:** The nonfiction books are coming along nicely. Students are working hard on this task!

Idiom & Root of the Week

Idiom: "Get Your Act Together" **Root:** graph = write

A+ Attitudes = A+ Students

To support the theme of our Caring Classroom Community of Learners, we will be focusing on Character Development. For the month of December, the A+ Attitude will be **KINDNESS:** The act of being considerate, friendly, helpful, or generous.

"CRAFTIVITY"

Students made a beautiful 'ornament.' This could be a keepsake.

TECHNOLOGY

Students used Microsoft Word tools to create the holiday greeting card! They also inserted clipart. They did a great job on this task!

Spark Some Discussion

I am sure you heard about what the Magic Elf did with the stuffed animals. If not, PLEASE be sure to ask your child about it. Elfie made his way back to the North Pole but sure made us think about the important themes of the holiday season!

Quote for the Week

"If someone is too tired to give you a smile, leave one of your own, because no one needs a smile as much as those who have none to give." Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch

Important Dates

January: 15th = End of the Grading Period; 16th = No School – Teacher Records Day

That's all for now. Thank you for your support. Make it a great winter break with your families.!

