

First Grade Holiday News

December 2009

First a huge, "Thank You!", for all the donations to our How To projects, especially on such a tight time frame. It must have seemed a strange list of supplies, but they were all put to fine use as our kids learned to read and follow written directions to complete a project. I'm not sure if the reading or the taping/gluing/cutting was the true focus, but a good time was had by all.

Your first grade team hopes you are keeping warm these days! We have an exciting week coming up and wanted to fill you all in.

Our Field Trip is Tuesday - please be sure to dress your little one for the weather as part of our adventure includes a short walk in the mint/library area. Of course, if it's still THIS cold we'll spend our time inside the library! Please be sure to send a lunch and drink for your first grader, which we'll eat together when we return to school at noon.

On Friday the 18th the first and second grade classrooms are working together to present a morning of exploring cultural celebrations from around the world. Each of our five classrooms will present information and activities about a seasonal celebration - Kwanzaa, Las Posadas, St. Lucia, Hanukkah, Diwali. Students will rotate through, getting their "passport" stamped as they complete each round.

That afternoon we have some simple activities planned and no major holiday party. We will, however, serve hot chocolate and sugar or gingerbread cookies. If anyone can donate hot chocolate packets, mini marshmallows, and small sugar or gingerbread cookies, small Styrofoam cups and napkins we would surely appreciate that. Please contact our homeroom liaisons - Joy Benenson (Ms. S.), Becky Needham (Ms. Jordan) or Jen Gordon (Ms. Jacobsen) so they can coordinate for us and we don't end up with all cups and no hot chocolate.

Thanks to all of you. We keep you and your families in our thoughts through this season as we consider what is good in our lives!

Ms S

Ms Jordan

Ms Jacobsen