

December 12, 2011

Dear First Grade Families:

Book It!

The goal for December is 16 books. The reading log is due on Friday, December 16.

Homework

We will not have spelling homework or a test this week. Students will have math homework on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Please take time to read for Book It!

Christmas Program

The St. Mary's Christmas Program is Thursday, December 15th, at 6:30 p.m. in the church. All first graders are members of the chorus and need to wear "best" Christmas or Sunday dress. No jeans, please! **Students will need to sit with a family member before the program and during the band and preschool performances. All students need to leave coats, hats, and gloves with their family when performing.**

There is also a performance Wednesday morning, December 14th, at 10:00 a.m. for parents, grandparents, and parishioners who cannot attend an evening performance. Students need to wear "best" **uniform.**

Christmas Project

Thank you for your generosity to our "Christmas" family. All donations and/or gifts were due on Friday.

Christmas Party

We will have a Christmas party the afternoon of Friday, December 16th. Thank you to all families who signed up to send items for the party.

School Supplies

We will be cleaning our desks before the Christmas holidays. I will be sending student pencil boxes home to be cleaned and checked for school supplies. **It is very important that all students have at least one 24-pack of crayons rather than twistables.** Each pencil box should contain:

- **a big pink eraser**
- **1 blunt-end Fiskars scissors**
- **1 box Crayola crayons (24-count)**
- **2 glue sticks**

The markers and colored pencils the students already have need to come back to school in the pencil box, too.

Santa loves to bring new school supplies as stocking stuffers!

Sharing

There will not be sharing this week.

Blessings on you and your family this Christmas season,
Becky Clift