

December 5, 2011

Dear First Grade Families:

Book It!

Thanks for your support of the Book It! program. It will make a huge difference in the rate of your child's reading progress. The goal for December is 16 books. The reading log is due on Friday, December 16th.

Homework

This week we will continue to work on long vowel sounds. The spelling words are:

huge use rude June cube mule rule cute tube flute

***water *under *there *together**

*****Please note that we will need to review the sight words from last week.**

Christmas Program

The St. Mary's Christmas Program is Thursday, December 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the church. All the students have done a great job of learning words and actions to their songs. **Ms. Thomas needs to know if your child will NOT be attending the Christmas program. If you have submitted notes to the classroom about your child's absence, I have passed them on to the office and Ms. Thomas.** If you are unable to attend Thursday, December 15, there will also be a performance at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 14.

Christmas Project

Thank you for your generosity to our "Christmas" family. All items need to be wrapped and brought to school by Friday, December 9th.

Christmas Party

We will have a Christmas Party the afternoon of Friday, December 16th. The sign-up sheet is now up. Thank you to all who offered to bring items even without a sign-up sheet!

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 sharp crayons rather than twistables.** Each pencil box should be returned on January 3rd when school resumes and contain: **1 big pink pearl eraser, 1 blunt-end Fiskars scissors, 1 box Crayola crayons (24-count), and 2 glue sticks.** Many of the students still have these items in their pencil boxes but need their boxes to be cleaned. I know Santa and he loves to bring new school supplies as stocking stuffers!

Sharing

This week sharing is a "sign of Christmas". There will not be sharing next week.

Please see the attached fundraiser flier for a Barnes & Noble Book Fair Saturday, December 10th to benefit St. Mary's Catholic School. Thanks for your support.

Thank you,
Becky Clift