

January 3, 2012

Dear First Grade Families:

Book It!

As of December 16th, 100% of the first graders have met the October and November reading goals and 87% have met the December goal. I will gladly accept the December reading logs as soon as they can be turned in. The goal for January is, also, 16 books. Hopefully your child can read half of the books. Students should be reading books like Frog and Toad, Little Bear, and Henry and Mudge. Many of these books are a series of short stories and each story can count as one book.

See Saw Book Order

The January book order will be sent home as soon as it arrives in my mailbox. If you are interested in ordering, please send the order form and check or money to school by Thursday, January 12. Checks need to be made out to: **Scholastic Book Clubs**. You may also go online to Scholastic/Parent Orders Online. If it is your first time ordering, the activation code is: GKGG2.

Sharing

As a part of Morning Meeting, we are continuing sharing. We will share our favorite Christmas gift this week and favorite animal next week. Students who normally share on Tuesdays will share on Friday this week.

Homework

Attached, you will find the pre/post tests that we completed before winter break. You will also find the unit test for both addition and subtraction. Our new geometry unit will include solid and plane shapes. We will also work on addition to 12. We are beginning the study of penguins in science. Please practice the new words for the story, Honey Bees. The spelling words for this week are:

be feet he see we green me she tree week *some
*family

Reminders

- **Your child needs to bring weather appropriate clothing in a bag other than his/her backpack. The winter clothing should include a winter-weight jacket, waterproof boots, snow pants, gloves or mittens and hats. Students also need to have a school approved sweatshirt or sweater in their backpacks for temperature fluctuations in the classroom.**
- **All students need to have shoes to wear when not outside, especially on Monday and Wednesday for P.E.**
- **Students having cold lunch need to have napkins or paper towels included in their lunches so the food does not go directly on their desks. Even though we clean our desks twice daily, we are only in first grade!**
- **If your child forgot, please help them to get their pencil boxes back to school as soon as possible.**

Happy New Year,
Becky Clift