

November 28, 2011

Dear First Grade Families:

### **Book It!**

Thanks for your support of the Book It! program. It makes a huge difference in the rate of your child's reading progress. The goal for November is 14 books. The reading log is due **WEDNESDAY!** The goal for December is 16 books. The December reading log is due on Friday, December 16.

### **Christmas Family**

Thank you for the wonderful response to our Christmas service project. If you would like to help, please see Mrs. Ray. All gift items must be wrapped and returned to school by Friday, December 9. Money or scrip must also be at school no later than December 9. Please keep our Christmas family in your prayers.

### **Homework**

We will continue to work on long vowel sounds in spelling. The words this week are:

**home hope rose woke those bone nose joke rode stone**  
**\*there \*together \*work**

The latest addition pre- and post-tests are attached. We will begin to work on subtraction using counting back or counting up strategies.

### **Christmas Program**

The St. Mary's Christmas Program is Thursday, December 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the church. There will also be an additional program on Wednesday, December 14 at 10:00 a.m. (during the regular school day) for nursing home, parishioners, grandparents and parents who cannot attend the performance on Thursday evening. More information will be coming home soon. Please let me know if your child will not be able to attend the Thursday evening performance.

### **Christmas Party**

We will have a Christmas Party the afternoon of Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to have your student celebrate his/her birthday at school and he/she has a December 16th or late December birthday, please let me know what date you would like to celebrate.

### **For Your Information**

We will also be cleaning our desks before the 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 a new 24 pack of crayons to begin 2011. Pencil boxes should also include: one pink eraser, 2 glue sticks, and student scissors.** Most markers and color pencils will remain in the students' desks over vacation. Please return pencil boxes when school resumes on Tuesday, January 3rd. Santa loves to bring new school supplies as stocking stuffers!

Thank you for your wonderful support of Grandparent/Special Guest Day.

Thanks again,  
Becky Clift