

Dear parents,

This week has been a very busy one. They will continue to be like this until the winter break. There is just so much to do in 3 weeks! We starting talking about Christmas and doing activities that go along with it. We will also talk about Hanukkah and Kwanzaa to learn about the different holidays people celebrate in December as well.

During language arts this week the students learned about the letter Oo and the short sound it says. The learned the sight words not & and. Please continue to practice these at home. I will test sight words at the end of next week. I expect the students to be able to read all of them without sounding them out. We started the theme Does it Sink or Float? The students are excited about this theme because they will get to do an experiment with sinking and floating. J For comprehension strategies we discussed how we have to monitor our understanding when reading. If we don' understand what we read we need to find a way to understand. They can ask themselves questions, reread what they read, or read on in the story to see if that helps them understand.

In math we continued with 3D shapes. They have learned about the sphere, cube, cone, and cylinder. Tonight they brought home books to share with you. Please take a look. They great! J

**\*Snack Schedule\***

Be sure you are checking the calendar for your snack day. Just this week we had four students that didn't bring in snack on their day. I was pulling a lot of snacks from the cupboard to make sure the students were able to have a snack to eat. If you forget please still send something in the next day. It happens and I understand, but we need the backup snacks just in case! If you have questions let me know.

**\*important dates to remember\***

Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>-Winter Concert @6:30  
Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>-1:30 dismissal-all buildings  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> through January 4<sup>th</sup>-No school  
Classes resume on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions or concerns please be sure to ask!

Have a good weekend!

Mrs. Hamm J