



MS. BROZIC

1ST GRADE

December 4, 2015

- December 11- Barnes and Noble Spirit Day (PTA)
- Wed. Dec. 16- All books for the class book exchange are due
- Thurs. Dec. 17- Class Book Exchange
- Friday, Dec. 18- Winter Party
- School is closed for Winter Break until Tuesday, January 5. (Jan. 4 is a work day for teachers).
- ****Please send in any gloves, mittens, hats, underwear, and socks for our Warm Hands in Friendship drive.**

Classroom News



Dear first grade families,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your families! The students have been bursting with excitement since we have returned! They are really excited about our classroom elf. They named our elf, Elf Evie. They have been very busy writing letters to our elf. I can tell that the students have really been practicing their sight words and reading at home! I can see huge growth in their reading! Thanks so much for supporting them at home!

The next two weeks before break are going to fly by! This past week we had our holiday shopping. I just realized that I printed the wrong date on my last newsletter!! I am so sorry, I just read it wrong on my paper! Our PTA is going to have a Spirit Day at Barnes and Noble on Dec. 11. I believe if you make purchases on that date and give tell them that you are from Buckeye, then our school will get a percentage of the proceeds made. Speaking of books...I sent home a letter last week about a holiday book exchange that I like to do with my first graders each year! Just as a reminder please have your child try to bring in a book for another student (\$5 or less). Girls will get a book for another girl and boys will get a book for another boy in the class. Please wrap the books and attach a gift label. If your child is a girl the label could say, To: A Girl From: Your child's name. If your child is a boy the label could say To: A Boy, From: Your Child's Name. You are not getting a book for a specific child or friend in the class. We are going to play a game to see who gets each book. If you are unable to send in a book, please let me know and we will make sure to get one for you!

Birthdays

- Sam- December 4
- Steven- Dec. 10
- Matteo and Cienna- Dec. 23



Phonics Focus this week is on glued sounds that end it –nk (ank, ink, onk, unk). Please help your child with words that end in these sounds. Have your child show you how we tap a work such as sank. We glue the whole –ank sound together.

Math- Please practice telling time to the hour at home as well as identifying the coins (penny, nickel, dime, quarter)

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Lunch Menu

*Lunch choices are subject to change.

Monday: Chicken Drumstick

Tuesday: You Build It Soft Taco

Wednesday: Ravioli

Thursday- Turkey and Gravy with Roll

Friday- Kid's Choice



Student of the Week

Sam Hartigan

Skippy Friend:

Shannon O'Rourke



What We're Learning

Reading: I have almost finished testing everyone on Fry Words lists 3&4. Then our focus will be on lists 5 and 6. (I will send those words home to practice next week. I can tell the students have really been practicing their words at home. We had our first student make it through all 15 lists this week!! That is amazing! We have been working hard in our reading groups. Some groups are working on accuracy strategies and other groups are focusing more on fluency and comprehension.

Grammar: Next week we will be taking a test on nouns. Our next focus will be on verbs. I REALLY loved our interactive writing with the Thankful Bags! Thank you so much for helping with this! The students learned so much about reading, writing, and nouns through this. I think we may do a similar activity after break that will help us focus on verbs!

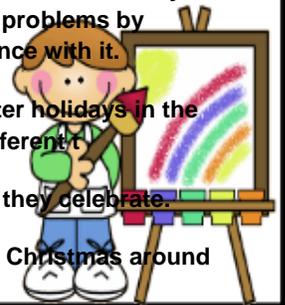
Phonics/Word Study: We are continuing our study of glued sounds. This week we will focus on the -nk glued sounds (ank, ink, onk, unk words). If your child is having trouble with these try posting the 4 endings on file cards/something. When working with the words at home they can refer to the cards if they are struggling with the ending sounds.

Math- We took a test this week on what we have been learning in Eureka about adding numbers to 20. The rest of this unit will be heavily focusing on subtraction within 20. The new math really focuses on the students showing how to solve problems by drawing pictures and writing the number sentence with it.

S.S- We will be talking a lot about different winter holidays in the next two weeks. We really just focus on the different

traditions people have with the winter holidays they celebrate.

We read books about Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Christmas around the world.



Word Study words : think, junk, sank, banks, dunks, link, thank, pink, bunk, chunk, honk, one, or.

**We will have a test on these words next Friday, December 11.