

# First Grade

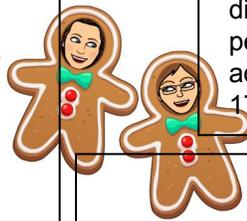


# DECEMBER



## Reading

**Mrs. Osorio's Reading class** recently brought home new reading books! Please remember to put book covers on the new books. The students will continue to have a fluency check out every 5 lessons, and a written test every 10 lessons. You can practice for checkouts by having your child read aloud a passage of 100 words. **Mrs. Miller's Reading class** recently brought home new books as well. Please be sure to cover the books to help protect them if not already covered. The students now have questions from the textbook. The students will continue to practice writing words, writing sentences about the picture at the end of their story, and answering the textbook questions on the writing paper that is attached to the worksheet. **Please check each night that your child has answered the 3 or 4 questions at the end of each story from the textbook.**



## Math

New skills/concepts covered in **Mrs. Osorio's math class** include: identifying even and odd numbers, counting dimes and pennies, counting by 10's and 2's, identifying  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$ . New skills/concepts covered in **Mrs. Miller's math class** include: line of symmetry, writing the date using digits, counting dimes, nickels, and pennies, adding two digit numbers, and addition facts: sums of 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, & 18.

## Core/Spanish

**Literature:** Our saying this month is "The more the merrier." Our poems this month are "Sing a Song of People" by Lois Lenski and "The Purple Cow" by Gelett Burgess. We will enjoy reading the story of "Hansel and Gretel" as well as numerous Cinderella stories from around the world. We will compare and contrast the story elements of setting, character, and magical objects in each version.

**History:** We will learn about the Ice Age, the land bridge, and the settlements of 3 more ancient civilizations: the Maya, Aztec, and Inca. We will locate where each built their civilization, and learn some interesting facts about all three. We will also learn about Columbus and the conquistadors - Cortez and Pizzaro.

**Science:** We will wrap up our exploration of light, sound, and electricity. Our next unit is a student favorite: the human body. Students will learn about the skeletal, muscular, respiratory, circulatory, and nervous systems.

**Spanish:** Your child will continue to review food vocabulary from last year, and will practice terms for ordering in a restaurant. Students will also practice family vocabulary and the phrase "have/don't have."

## Spelling/Grammar

**Grammar:** We will continue to work on capitalization rules. Please make up sentences and practice the capitalization rules at home if you notice errors on your child's grammar tests. Soon we will learn about subjects and predicates, and we will classify sentences that have a preposition and an object of a preposition.

**Spelling:** Children should be practicing all words through word list 21-25. Remember that some words may be taken from previous lists, so if your child has misspelled words from previous lists, please practice those words as well.

**\*Troublesome words: many, what, friends\*.**

## Dates to Remember:

Winter Break is Dec. 24 - Jan. 2.  
Classes resume on January 5th.

