

# First Grade News

## Teacher News

We would like to invite parents and families to come to our classrooms on **Monday, December 19th at 12:00** to help our students construct their gingerbread houses that we are planning for this week.

If you are able and willing to donate a few items for gingerbread building and/or our Polar Express event, please see below for a list of needed items. There are very specific items needed for the gingerbread activity, as the below listed items are the **only** items available in the student plans.

**Please turn in all donated items by Thursday, December 15th**, so the teachers can get the missing items for our event on Monday.

### Items needed for Gingerbread Houses:

- Graham Crackers (3 boxes per class)
- Icing (12 cans per class)
- m&ms (one bag, regular—NOT peanut, please)
- Twizzlers (2 bags per class)
- Hershey Kisses (2 bags per class)
- Skittles (1 bag per class)
- Sour Patch Kids (2 bags per class)
- Jelly Beans (one bag per class)
- Mini Marshmallows (one bag per class)
- Hershey Bars (1 6-pack of bars)
- Peppermints (2 bags per class)
- Pretzel Sticks (1 bag per class)
- Mini Candy Canes (2 boxes per class)

Please check with your child's teacher to find out which items are still needed for each class.

## Important Dates

**Wed. Dec. 14:** Marbles Field Trip  
**Mon. Dec. 19:** Gingerbread Building Activity  
**Wed. Dec. 21:** Polar Express Activity  
**Thur. Dec. 22:** Teacher Work Day  
**Fri. Dec. 23-Jan. 2:** Winter Break  
**Tues. Jan. 3:** Students return from break  
**Mon. Jan. 16:** No School, MLK Jr. Day  
**Fri. Jan. 20:** Early Release  
**Fri. Jan. 27:** Teacher Work Day  
**Tues. Jan. 31:** International Night  
**Fri. Feb. 3:** Report Cards go home

## What You Should Know

### Items Needed for Polar Express Activity:

**\*Mini Marshmallows (1 bag per class)**

**\*Packets/ canisters of hot chocolate (enough to serve 21 students per class)**

### Online field trip payments:

<http://osp.osmsinc.com/WakeNC/Default.aspx>

This website can also be found via the Reedy Creek Website:

<http://www.wcpss.net/reedycreekes>

Click on Parents, then choose Online School Payments

### Twitter:

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- @ReedyCreekBuses
- @msahyde
- @rockinrosado
- @mrscrisson
- @kosullivankyra
- @lis\_megan



## Homework:

Monday: Student reads words from List A, Tricky Words, and Sentences 2x. Adult should sign paper. Read take home book & answer questions orally.

Tuesday: Look, Say, Cover, Write (List A words). Read take home book & answer questions orally.

Wednesday: Choose 5 words from List A Write a sentence using each word. Read take home book & answer questions orally.

Thursday: Practice Test. Adult reads the words from List A, Tricky words, and sentences student. He/she should write them in the homework journal without looking. Read take home book & answer questions orally.

Tuesday: B1, Thursday: B2

First Grade	Day B1 11:50-12:35	Day B1 12:35-1:20	Day B2 11:50-12:35	Day B2 12:35-1:20	Day C 12:35 -1:20
Crisson	Art	Music	P.E	Media	Tech
Hyde	P.E.	Media	Tech	Art	Music
O'Sullivan	Music	P.E.	Media	Tech	Art
Rosado	Media	Tech	Art	Music	P.E.
Lis	Tech	Art	Music	P.E.	Media

## What We Are Working On....

### Reading:

This week in reading we are reading the fiction book *Gingerbread Baby*. The students will be working on identifying character traits, settings, and major events in the text.

In Letter Land, we are working on Unit 12, which focuses on beginning consonant blends, specifically bl, cl, fl, gl.

**Writing:** In writing, we are working on writing a procedural writing piece that explains the steps for building a gingerbread house.

**Math:** This week in math, we are reviewing previously taught concepts while working on addition and subtraction. We are also working on the commutative and associative properties.

**Social Studies:** This week we will continue our unit about celebrations around the world. We will be working on our Customs Around the World projects this week and taking a field trip to Marbles Kids' Museum to learn more about customs and traditions around the world.