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Mrs. Hulsopple's Classroom

From the Teacher

I hope everyone enjoyed the slightly warmer weather this Thanksgiving weekend. It is my hope that you were able to spend the holiday with family and/or friends and enjoy some turkey! It is still cold outside, and with that brings inside recess. We alternate walking the hallways with playing in the gym on days the temperature is below -20. Please remind your child that even though it is recess, that they need to be respectful of classes that are going on while they walk the hallways.

Please check your child's folder for a note about our next field trip to see The Nutcracker! I have several students who have not returned their field trip permission form and/or money for our field trip on FRIDAY. If your child has a note in their Monday Mail folder, I have not received the form. Thanks! Also, please remember that lunch will be different on Friday. If your child does not bring a lunch from home, they will receive a SACK lunch from the cafeteria. Also, you might want to send an extra snack on Friday, as we will not be eating until 1:45 pm. ☺

Please continue to help your child learn to be organized and help them get ready for the next day by going through the LEOPARD binder and homework planner and initialing near the bottom. Thanks for your help!

Reading



Read-aloud: This week, we will continue our new read-aloud, Santa Paws. We are working on visualizations through this chapter book and will be drawing quick sketches of our "mind pictures." Ask your child what they saw today!

Independent Reading: We will continue AR this week. Students should be at 77% by the end of this week. You will find a green "Leap Into Reading" sheet in this week's Monday Mail folder showing their progress from last week. You will also find reports from each test your child took over the past week.

Help students reach their goal by making sure they read at home each night in their Reading Logs. Please initial where indicated to verify that your child spent 15 minutes reading each evening. Students should try to write a one-sentence connection to what they read this week. Reading Logs will be due Friday morning.

Shared Reading: This week, we will be reading the third story in our Reading series – Big, Bushy Mustache. Sight word vocabulary words include **above, shoes, tough, wash, wear, woman, and young**. Robust vocabulary words include **wilting, flitted, swirling, distraught, trance, route, semblance, and improvise**. We will read this selection multiple times in class including whole group, with partners, and independently. We will have a test over vocabulary and comprehension on Friday.

Guided Reading: This week in Skills Group, we are working on differentiating between Fiction and Non-Fictions text. We are looking for "clues" that tell us which genre a particular story is.

SPELLING	
1.	dinosaur
2.	pollution
3.	qualify
4.	disconnect
5.	exercise
6.	secretary

Spelling

We continue Spelling this year with soft consonant c - /s/ and g - /j/. These words will include **slice, doge, city, huge, nice, space, gem, price, cage, fudge, central, fireplace, gentle, gymnast, and celebrate**. Each week, we will also have some extra words that may or may not follow this rule. These are usually sight words. This week, these words are **fire, maybe, and light**. Students should study their words nightly to prepare for a test on Wednesday!

Science/Social Studies

This week, we will continue our study of landforms. This time, we will focus on Alaska specifically, and will learn about the various landforms present in the largest state in the United States.

Math

This week, we will continue Unit 4 – Addition and Subtraction. We will be working on Lessons 4-7. Students will have Math homework Monday through Thursday this week. All homework is due the NEXT day.

As part of our Math program, we will be working on daily fact practice pages. The front side we will do in class and grade together. The back side will be homework for your child to practice. Please help them increase their fact fluency by timing them and then checking their work, initialing where prompted. Thanks for helping your child learn!

Language/Writing

This week in Writer's Workshop, we will work on writing a how-to paragraph.

We will also continue talking about nouns. We will be focusing on singular possessive nouns. These are nouns that show ownership by using apostrophes. We will be reviewing proper letter formation in handwriting and will focus on Thanksgiving words this week.

Important Dates

- December 1** Box Tops due!!!
- December 2** Field Trip for The Nutcracker
- December 2** Reading Logs due



Reminders to Parents

Should you have any questions or concerns, my plan time is 1:15 – 1:45 daily. I am also available after school or in the evening at home. The Ladd phone number is 907-451-1700 or my e-mail at school is cristina.hulsopple@k12northstar.org. I try to check my voice mail by 3:15 each day.

Check out our classroom website at <http://www.chulsopple.com>!