

December 12, 2008

Parents,

I hope you have a wonderful holiday.

We will start our weekly spelling test in January. Please review each list of words with your child for that week daily. Also note each date. (See attached list.)

In reading we will start a unit called Team Spirit. In this unit skills covered will include writing, phonics, sequence, summarizing, compare/contrast, and main ideas. The students are placed on teams in the classroom. They will learn how to fill out an application form for the team.

Using literature to show the importance of a team will strengthen this unit. Each day when the teams complete the goals set they are given a point. The team with the most points at the end of the unit will have a chance to design a team t-shirt with their team's logo on it.

In math the students will continue to learn addition facts and the concept of adding (2) two-digit numbers.

Learning to count money will also be taught.

Thank you all for all your efforts. I will send only one homework packet home each week. They use a lot of paper.