

## First Grade News

December 1, 2014

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and a relaxing weekend. We are extremely proud of all our first graders for the amazing job they did during our First Thanksgiving presentations! Thank you for helping them to dress up as Pilgrims and Native Americans. They looked so adorable! It was a very proud and exciting day, and the children loved having the opportunity to share their learning with you and to shine like stars! We'd also like to share that our Thanksgiving Family Turkey crafts were delightful. We thank all the families that contributed time and effort to make these beautiful art projects!

### **Tonight's Homework**

Word Wall Words: at, are, can, had, there; please complete the homework coming home in your child's yellow take home folder and hand in tomorrow.

### **Reading**

We are continuing our Nonfiction Unit of study. We have learned that readers can try to visualize or make pictures in their minds about what they just read in order to understand the topic better. We tried this in our classroom by listening to part of a text being read without any visual support and sketching the frog that the author described in its habitat. We noticed that an author's descriptive language can really help us to visualize or make a movie in our minds as a way to better understand what we're learning about in a text.

### **Save the Date:**

Our winter celebration will be held on Monday December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:30-12:00 in your child's classroom. All parents are welcome to attend. We will be making a winter craft and reading a story. Oh what fun the cold weather brings!

Respectfully yours,

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