

Classroom Times

Teacher: Ms. McLoughlin and Ms. Elvia

Date: 12/23/09

Dear Families,

I can't believe it is the end of the year. Next time you receive a Friday letter it will be 2010!! When we come back will get right back into our routine. We will begin practicing for the NYS tests. We will work on strategies to answer different types of questions and look for clues and key words. Students will also be getting different reading passages for homework as practice.

Over break students were given a packet for extra credit. It is a mixed review of different things we have been working on. If students hand it in after break they will receive bonus points toward their report card grade.

I wish all of you a relaxing holiday and a Happy New Year!



ELA – Our story for the week we come back is called The Gardener by Sarah Stewart. We will focus on cause and effect, contractions, and action and linking verbs.

Math—We will begin to look at tally charts and graphs. We will be making lots of bar graphs and pictographs.

Science/Social Studies- We are venturing back to the United States. Students will be working in groups to research different states.

Writing-. When we come back in January we will be writing realistic fiction stories and creative writing. Students will be asked to write a story that could really happen. They will focus on using details and describing words.

Spelling Words for next week:

Contractions

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| 1. let's | 12. we'd |
| 2. he'd | 13. they'd |
| 3. you'll | 14. wasn't |
| 4. can't | 15. didn't |
| 5. I'd | |
| 6. you'd | |
| 7. haven't | |
| 8. hasn't | |
| 9. she'd | |
| 10. they'll | |
| 11. when's | |

Important Dates:

December 24th---January 3rd

NO SCHOOL –Winter Break

RosieThe Reading Dog



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