

Miss McNerney's First Grade Newsletter, Issue 11
"Speak to your children as if they are the wisest, kindest, most beautiful and magical humans on earth, for what they believe is what they will become."
-Brooke Hampton Upcoming Events
November 25th-27th No School: Parent/Teacher/ Student Conferences

November 28th-29th
No School: Happy Thanksgiving!

## December 13th

1st Trimester Report Cards sent home

December 19th
Christmas Program at 6pm
December 20th
Noon Dismissal: Merry Christmas!

## January 6th

First Day back from Christmas Break

## Reminders

* As a reminder, your child is required to come along for the conference ( $s / h e$ will be leading the conference).
* First graders will now be tested weekly on their spelling words! Please practice at home. We are reviewing simple, short vowel words first to build your child's confidence on his/her spelling tests


Some curriculum news for the week
Math
We are in the midst of our chapter on addition strategies to 20, as we learn and practice a variety of strategies to help us add. Strategies include using a number line, using double facts to help add (if we know $3+3=6$, we can use the "doubles plus one" strategy to solve $3+4 ; 4$ is one more than 3 , so $3+4$ will be one more than $3+3$ ). We are also continuing to practice our facts daily with an app on the iPad called Xtra Math, which tracks students' progress and provides facts that meet students at their level.

## Language Arts

Our spelling words this week are yes, let, red, ten, bed, get, sled, and step (we are focusing on short e words, as well as blends with
s). Our challenge word is Thanksgiving! We will now add a dictation sentence to our weekly Spelling Test. Students may earn 5 points: 1 for a capital letter at the beginning of the sentence, 1 for appropriate spacing between words, 1 for punctuation at the end of the sentence, 1 for correct spelling, and 1 for neat handwriting. Our dictation sentence this week is I see the sun.

We are reading texts by Dr. Seuss this week and focusing on biographies! We will be learning about singular and plural nouns in grammar and reviewing our learning from last week, when we learned about including commas when writing a list



Harrison was our Star of the Week this past week! We learned that he enjoys watching the Seahawks with his parents, cooking bacon \& eggs, and doing math. Harrison is thankful
for his family, and his favorite holiday is Valentine's Day. He wants to be a football player when he grows up. Harrison is funny, caring, and athletic! We are so happy and blessed to have him as a part of our 1A family


