

A Peek at Our Week

Week of December 6th, 2021

Reminders/Information

- Report cards will be emailed to you this Friday, December 10th.
- Our last Soup Kitchen item of 2021 is due this Thursday.
- We have free dress days this Friday and next Friday:
 - Friday, December 10th: Comfy / Cozy Day (pajamas okay!)
 - Friday, December 17th: Christmas Colors and/or Christmas Sweaters
- Looking ahead, we have a noon dismissal on Friday, December 17th to start our Christmas Break! Our first day back to school will be Monday, January 3rd.

Our Learning This Week

Religion: This week, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (on December 8th), in which Mary is honored as she was born free of sin. We will also celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (on December 12th), who is the patroness of the Americas. We will hear about the Aztec farmer, Juan Diego, who was amazed when Mary appeared to him in the year 1531 and roses bloomed in the barren desert. Her image was forever engrained on his tilma (poncho) and is on display today in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

Language Arts: Our spelling words this week are chin, chip, chop, rich, much, chick, match, and pitch (we are focusing on words with "ch"). Our challenge word is Mary! Our dictation sentence is I see the sun.

Math: We are studying a variety of subtraction strategies to assist us as we subtract. We will subtract using our doubles facts (if we know $9+9=18$, we also know $18-9=9$) and related facts, as well as subtract to find missing addends this week!

Science: We will continue our exploration of light and sound. This week, students will be exploring light and how it travels over distances. Students will be using flashlights, mirrors, colored lenses, and diffraction gratings.

Technology: During Tech Lab this week, students will participate in the "Hour of Code," a worldwide effort to celebrate computer science. "Hour of Code" was started to demystify coding, show that anybody can learn the basics of coding, and broaden participation in the computer science field.

A Peek Inside 1A

STAR OF THE WEEK



Ella

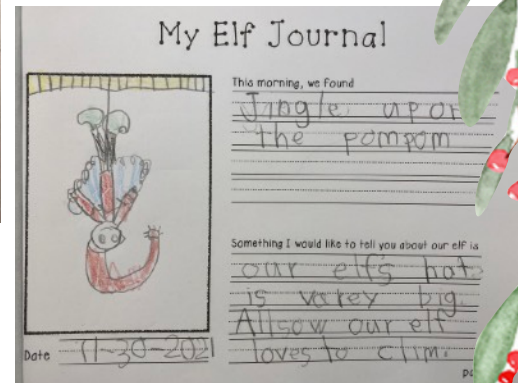
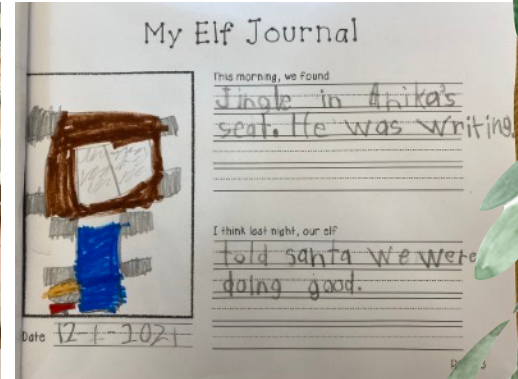
Ella was our Star this week! We learned that Ella loves the color pink, strawberries, soccer, rainbows, koalas, and Frozen 2.

Ella's favorite food is pineapple and ham pizza, her favorite place to vacation is Disneyland, and her favorite holiday is Christmas. Ella loves to learn at school. When she grows up, Ella wants to be a veterinarian.

We are so happy to have Ella as a part of our 1A family!



We received a special package from the North Pole--an elf! After voting on several options, we chose the name Jingle. Students journal about Jingle's adventures daily.



"Warming" our hands by the fire!



We took some photos for our class Christmas card (emailed to you next week!)

