

Date: December 9, 2019 Week 17

<u>Important Dates</u>	Letterland Words to Practice This Week:					
<p>December 2nd - 20th- Holidays Around the World Unit</p> <p>December 13th- Interims are sent home</p> <p>December 17th- Holidays Around the World Learning Experience</p> <p>December 19th- Funny Tummy Program</p> <p>December 20th- School is in session (make-up day for 9/6) Penny Cash In</p> <p>December 23rd - January 1st- No School- Holiday Break</p> <p>January 2nd - 3rd- No school for students-Teacher Workday</p>	Unit: 13					
	<u>br</u> brick brat brag	<u>dr</u> drop dry dress	<u>gr</u> grass grin grab	<u>pr</u> press	<u>tr</u> truck trip try track trick trap	<u>Tricky Words</u> under into
<p>Our Class Website: https://mrswhelansfirstgrade.weebly.com/</p>	<p>* We have a test every three weeks (Tri-Weekly) These words will be on the test scheduled for: January 10th</p> <p>* The test will include words from units 13, 14, and 15</p>					

Ways to Help Your Child at Home:

- * Have your child follow step by step directions in a recipe (this will help as we start "How-To" writing when we return from the holiday break)
- * Have your child read "good fit" non-fiction books and tell about the main idea and at least three details
- * Have your child research and read about Chinese New Year, Hanukkah, The Legend of La Befana in Italy and Christmas in Holland & Germany.



Mrs. Whelan's
Weekly News

Dear Fabulous First Grade Families,

This newsletter is coming to you a bit early. I'm pleased to announce that all our passport applications went through, our suitcases are ready, and we are on our way to travelling around the world to learn about holiday traditions and customs. Friday was our first stop and it was in China. There we learned all about Chinese Ne Year. Please ask your child to tell you all about it. On Monday and Tuesday, we will visit Israel to learn about Hanakkah, on Wednesday, we will visit Holland to learn about their Christmas traditions and customs, On Thursday, we will learn about La Befana and holiday facts in Italy and then on Friday we will end the week learning about Christmas in Germany. I do apologize if your children have jet lag 😊 Thank you to everyone who sent in items for this extensive, but very fun unit! We could not have done it without you!

In **Math**, we will continue to work on word problems that requires your child to draw comparisons between the numbers to find how many fewer or how many more. Please look carefully at the sheets coming home and review with your child if needed. In **Reading**, our focus will be on reading non-fiction holiday books. After reading, we will identify the main idea; as well as three details. In **Writing**, we are going to try to squeeze in one more persuasive letter before the holiday break. Brace yourselves...it will be about something they want to improve or change at home. I will keep your child's best sample for their cumulative folder and send the other one home. Since you will not get a chance to see what I save, I'm going to try my best to make time for your child to record reading their letter on Seesaw. In **Letterland**, we'll focus on words with r blends: br, cr, dr, fr, gr, pr, and tr. In **Social Studies**, we will travel to the following countries: Monday and Tuesday-Israel, Wednesday-Holland, Thursday-Italy and Friday-Germany.

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