

Date: December 16, 2019- Week 18

<u>Important Dates</u>	Letterland Words to Practice This Week:				
<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 Special Snack- No snack is needed from home</p> <p>December 23rd - January 1st - No School- Holiday Break</p> <p>January 2nd - 3rd - No school for students-Teacher Workdays</p>	Unit: 14				
	<u>nd</u> and hand sand land end send bend	<u>nt</u> ant went sent bent	<u>sk</u> ask desk mask	<u>st</u> fast last past best rest nest list	<u>Tricky Words</u> dust must just some
<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:

- * Go to the public library or online to Big Universe and find non-fiction books to read
- * Have your child order objects from shortest to longest or shortest to tallest.
- * Have your child tell you their resolutions for the New Year (we will do a project about this on Friday)



Mrs. Whelan's
Weekly News

Dear Fabulous First Grade Families,

We have been so busy travelling the world! Our journey will end this week when we come back to the USA on Thursday to discuss our traditions and customs. The suitcase will come home on Thursday afternoon. If your child will not be here anytime this week, please let me know. I have a small gift for each student for the holidays and I want to make sure your child gets their suitcase to bring home and discuss. Thank you again for all your support throughout this unit. It has been so much fun, and the children are having a blast!

In **Math**, we are beginning a new unit on measurement. Throughout this unit we will utilize non-standard forms of measurement, which means we do not teach inches, centimeters, etc. We use non-standard items; such as unifix cubes, paper clips, links, etc. The goal is to understand the concept and rules of measurement. The most important rules of measurement that we will learn each day are the **starting point, ending point, and that there are no gaps or overlaps when laying out the unit of measurement**. Please practice measuring items at home as well. I will send home some math homework this week. You do not need to send it back, as it is just for practice. You can also use them during the holiday break. In **Reading**, we will continue to read non-fiction books and identify the main idea and details. In **Writing**, we will generate an opinion letter to someone at home to tell them what we want or want to improve. Overall, I'm not sure if children are excited for the upcoming holidays or they are rushing, but I've noticed handwriting starting to decline. I've talked about it with all the children but would appreciate it if you could also reinforce neat handwriting when you review the work that goes home in your child's folder. Thank you. In **Letterland**, we'll focus on words with final blends: nd, nt, sk, and st. In **Social Studies**, we will travel to: (Monday) Brazil, (Tuesday-our Learning Experience) Australia, China, Mexico, Japan, Germany, Vietnam and the Caribbean, (Wednesday) Africa and (Thursday and Friday) the USA. I hope that you enjoy all the projects that are in your child's suitcase. They also made a special gift for each of their families. I'm so proud of the efforts put forth by all the children during this special unit! Happy Holidays!

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