Week of: January 4 Room 206

Miss Collins' 1st Grade Classroom News

Important Dates:

- Late Start Mondays: school begins @ **9:05am**.
  - Jan 4, 11, 25
- **1/18:** No School (MLK Day)
- **1/29:** No School (Staff Development)

Specials for the week:

- Monday: Music
- Tuesday: Gym
- Wednesday: Art
- Thursday: Library
- Friday: Music

Weekly Words:

- **Sight Words:** no new words/test
- **Word family:** winter focus

Spelling test on sight words every Friday.

Classroom Info:

Reading

This week we spent time reading from holiday books that highlighted holiday celebrations from around the world. We continue to practice retelling with BME, characters, setting and including problems/solutions.

Writing

We listened to Santa's Noisy Night and decided Santa deserves to relax after a busy night of flying and delivering presents. Students created a sequential story including ways Santa would relax once he returns to the North Pole. These are in their suitcases and decorated with a Santa cover.

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Math:
We began unit 4 this week which is about measurement and basic facts. Students will practice measuring in inches with a ruler and continue to practice reading a thermometer. Don't forget to continue practicing math facts over break with fun apps like Addition Top-It and Fast Math on the first grade website.

Social Studies/Science:
Christmas Around the World has been a fun trip! Students traveled to Israel, Mexico, Africa and back to the good ole USA to learn about how Christmas is celebrated around the world. We completed activities, read stories and sang songs these past two weeks learning all about this month's holiday traditions. Suitcases are FILLED with souvenirs from our trip!

Collins' Comments:

- Thanks to all for your help and generosity in making our classroom party a success!
- There is no homework over break or spelling test the Friday we return.

Enjoy the break & time with your families! See you in 2016 ☺

Have a great weekend!
Miss Collins