

Miss Collins' 1st Grade Classroom News

Important Dates:

- Late Start Mondays: school begins @ **9:05am.**
 - Nov. 23, 30
- **11/24:** Half Day for Thanksgiving Break (11:30 Dismissal). School resumes Monday, 11/30.
- **12/7:** Holiday concert @ Parcels.
 - Curtains open at 7pm (student drop off by 6:30pm).
 - We will walk to Parcels to rehearse after lunch that afternoon.
- **12/12:** Holiday Breakfast
- **12/15:** Report cards distributed
- **12/17:** Classroom Holiday Party
- **12/21:** Winter Break. School resumes 1/4 @9:05am.

Specials for the week:

- Monday: Library
- Tuesday: Half Day – no special
- Wednesday: No school
- Thursday: No school
- Friday: No school

Weekly Words:

- **Sight Words:** No new words
- **Word family:** Thanksgiving focus

Spelling test on sight words every Friday.

Classroom Info:

Reading

To focus on fluency, we have spent time identifying suffixes including –ed and –ing. We understood that –ed can have three sounds: ‘t’ as in missed, ‘ed’ as in wanted and ‘d’ as in yelled”. When students come across these common suffixes in reading, they will now have strategies to sound out the word.

Writing

We wrapped up our small moment writing unit this week. Look out for a collection of their completed work. We spent time this week on some fun and creative Thanksgiving writing.

Math:

We continue to work on identifying patterns with shapes. Students have been practicing patterns in numbers by skip counting by 2s, 5s and 10s and have been introduced to frames and arrows.

Social Studies/Science:

We have learned about Thanksgiving history through informational texts. We also continue to practice map skills including cardinal directions and map features.

Collins' Comments:

- There is **NO homework and NO spelling test for next week** due to the shortened week. Enjoy your family time on over this holiday break. This will be the last newsletter for November.
- The Mason Student Council will be collecting canned and packaged goods for **Gleaners Food Bank** this holiday season. For your convenience the bins are located in front of the school office and school gym. Please drop a can, a package of dry food, or both, in the bins when you have a chance this holiday season. **The bins will be here until Dec. 16th**. Thank you so much for supporting the Mason Student Council and Gleaners Food Bank!
- **Extra Clothes:** Many students still have warm weather clothing items in their shoebox in their locker. Please send in extra warm weather clothes with your child in case of any accidents during the winter months. Thank you!

Have a great weekend!

Miss Collins