

Miss Collins' 1st Grade Classroom News

Important Dates:

- Late Start Mondays: school begins @ **9:05am.**
 - Dec 14
 - Jan 4, 11, 25
- **12/12**: Holiday Breakfast
- **12/15**: Report cards distributed
- **12/17**: Classroom Holiday Party 2-3:15ish
- **12/21**: Winter Break. School resumes 1/4 @9:05am.
- **1/18**: No School (MLK Day)
- **1/29**: No School (Staff Development)

Specials for the week:

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

Weekly Words:

- **Sight Words:** en
- **Word family:** was, she, said, but, look

Spelling test on sight words every Friday.

Classroom Info:

Reading

This week we practiced retelling stories with a beginning, middle and end. We have added including the characters and setting during retelling as well.

Writing

Students wrote an opinion letter to a farmer after listening to Click, Clack, Moo Cows That Type. The cows in the story were very cold at night in the barn and requested an electric blanket from the farmer, but he did not want to give them one. Students wrote their own letter including their opinion of why the cows should get the electric blanket.

The *Grosse Pointe News* has a tradition of publishing student Letters to Santa which our class participated in by asking Santa a question. Letters will appear in the 12/17 issue if selected.

Math:

We wrapped up unit 3 this week that covered visual patterns, number patterns and counting. We will begin unit 4 next week that which is about measurement and basic facts.

Social Studies/Science:

Christmas Around the World has officially begun! Students received their suitcases, passports and have already traveled to Israel and Mexico. We will continue learning about how people celebrate Christmas across the globe next week through games, activities and projects.

Collins' Comments:

- 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
- [Mason Green Team is sponsoring an Old Towel and Blanket Drive](#). We are collecting old clean towels and blankets for animal shelters in need. Please consider donating. Receptacles will be available from 12/9-12/16 in front of the Mason office.
- [During the cold winter months, students may keep Chapstick/lotion in their desk to avoid chapped lips and dry hands.](#)

Have a great weekend!

Miss Collins