

1st Grade News

12-11-17

What We're Learning



Reading: We'll learn about fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals in the informational text *Animal Groups*. Then children will have an opportunity to act like different animals when we read the play *Animal Picnic*.

Words to Know: bird, both, eyes, fly, long, or, those, walk

Phonics skills: long i (the CVCe pattern), digraphs *kn, wr, gn, mb*

Vocab Strategy: suffixes -er, -est

Comprehension skill: compare and contrast - tell how two things are alike or different

Comprehension Strategy: monitor/clarify - find ways to figure out what doesn't make sense

Writing Focus: Christmas writing

Math: We will be working on solving addition and subtraction problems using models. We will learn the strategy of doubles plus one for our math facts.

Science: We will use our knowledge of sound vibrations to complete a STEM activity where we design and create string phones

Art: We will finish a special Christmas project this week to surprise you at Christmas

Class Gift Exchange FYI- names went home the first week of December for our class gift exchange. Contact me if you did not receive this information

Spelling Words

time

like

kite

bike

white

drive

fine

stripe

mice

spine

write

knife

Upcoming Dates

Dec. 21 - School Christmas party and gift exchange, 1:30 dismissal

Dec. 22 - Christmas break begins

Jan. 4 - school resumes

Last Scrip order of the season - due on Wednesday

The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!

-Buddy the Elf