

Dec. 2, 2011

Dear Parents,

It can't be December already! We had a great week back. It was fun to share about all the activities families did over the break. Only two weeks left before the next one!

Our reading a writing focused a lot on sentence endings. This is a tricky concept for first graders.

We looked at maps, with a focus on the compass rose, key and symbols. Next week we will take a bus to Mexico and begin our exciting study of this country and people who live there.

In math we worked on an envelope full of story problems. I'm impressed with how well everyone was able to know whether to add and subtract. We will be starting geometry next week, with a fun unit on quilt squares.

We had a visit from the Eco Elf from Ecocycle. She taught us how to have a "green" holiday season and we made recycled(recyclable) wrapping paper.

I did not have anyone to volunteer to coordinate our Winter Giving party on Thurs. Dec. 15. This would involve contacting people to send craft items and food for this celebration. If you could help with this please let me know ASAP. I would really appreciate your help.

Have a fun weekend. Sounds like many of your children will be in the Parade of Lights.

Warmly,

Swanstrom

Becky