

Hello Parents!

BRRRR! It feels like winter is approaching! I hope you were able to enjoy the festivities going on in town this past weekend. It is hard to believe it is already the holiday season. We have been incredibly busy in our classroom and will continue to be right up until vacation.

Here is a rundown of the skills and topics we covered last week:

Literacy: we worked on making predictions using the title and illustrations to help us. Our spelling pattern was the short i and we took our first spelling test on Friday! Possessives were also introduced. We looked at the spelling pattern for possessives using `s and also possessive words, such as his, hers, mine, and theirs. Sentence structure was also looked at last week. We are currently talking about sentences giving two pieces of information: who or what and what did they do. If a sentence doesn't tell those two things, it isn't a sentence. Last week we focused on the "who or what" part of the sentence. This week we will move on to the "what did they do part."

Math: we continued working with subtraction and story problems. Each student wrote their own story problem and illustrated it. We are also continuing to use various strategies to help us find our answers. A habit we are trying to get all of the students in is showing their work. This can be done a number of ways and the students are trying to find the best way that works for them. Some of the kids say they counted in their head, or they "just knew it." We tell them that is fine, but they need to show at least the equation they used to find their answer. It is definitely a hard habit to get into, so please help your child out and make sure they show their work on homework.

We have a busy two weeks ahead... Here are some reminders of upcoming events!

- Tomorrow night, 12/13, is the Holiday Concert. There is no mandatory color or outfit your child needs to wear, but they should be looking their best! Please drop off your child to our classroom at 6:10 and then pick them back up when the concert is over.
- The time of year has come again for all of us to participate in the Annual Red Stocking Fund. Traditionally, the students and staff of the Edgartown School bring in food items to fill baskets for

distribution during this holiday season. Our class is in charge of bringing in Raisins (2 one-pound boxes or 2 six-packs). Please send these in no later than **Tuesday**, December 13. Thank you to those of you who have already sent in your raisins.

- Next Thursday, the students will be shopping at the Red Stocking Bazaar. This works like a giant yard sale. We will be sending home a blank list for your child to fill-in with the names of people they would like to buy gifts for, please help them with this. Then we ask parents to send in \$0.50 per gift on the list. In the morning of the Bazaar we collect their money and pay ahead of time so all they need to do is shop with their list. We do not let the children buy for themselves. This is a time to buy gifts for others.
- Next Thursday we will have a pajama day!
- Next Friday will be the Jingle Bell Run! Please join us in our run at 9:15 in front of the school. This will be weather permitting!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns!

Have a great week!
Megan McDonald 😊