



December Newsletter

A Super Second Grade Classroom

The most magical time of the year is upon us. December is a short month in respect to school days. However, that doesn't mean we will be short on new and exciting things to learn. There are a variety of fun holiday activities planned to keep the children reading, writing, and practicing their math skills.

In math this month we will continue to practice the different strategies we have learned to solve addition and subtraction problems. Unit 3 in math will focus on shapes, measurement, estimating, and line plotting. The students will be busy measuring things in our classroom using different units of measure, such as centimeters, inches, meters, and yards.

It's a great time of year to talk about how we can stay healthy. Our health unit will provide us with information about how we can eat healthy to prevent illnesses, and how we can care for ourselves when we do catch a bug. We will read many interesting stories about germs and illnesses, and complete fun activities to learn how to stay healthy.

In social studies, we will continue to review urban, suburban, and rural, as we learn how different communities around the world celebrate holidays. Some holidays we

will be learning about are Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. We will also be reading about several other holidays, and completing festive activities related to a few of them.

Holiday time is a fun time for writing activities. After listening to a short story about a little boy whose birthday is on Christmas, the children will be writing an opinion paper about whether or not they would like to have their birthday on Christmas. Each child will then have the opportunity to practice his or her listening and speaking skills as all of our room 18 friends share their opinion papers with the class.

This time of year is especially busy for parents of young children. Please keep in mind the work that is written in the planner is not assigned homework with a due date. Any activities and reading you can complete with your child each night, will help reinforce the skills that are learned in the classroom. There are no consequences if a student does not return work that is sent home. I simply correct the papers that are turned in and send them back. Your family time each night is short and the weekends seem to fly by. I appreciate anything you can do with your child at home.

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!

Remember to call Hillview at 686-3282 if your child will be absent or late to school. This helps our office staff with their efficient record keeping.

Book orders are due the morning of Friday, December 10th.

You can order online with our code NQHP8.

If you send your order in to me, please write the check made out to the book company listed on the order form.

Unfortunately, there have been significant shipping delays and orders will most likely not arrive before the holiday break.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Happy **December** Birthday to:

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Here's a reflection for you to enjoy this holiday season!



It does not take a new year
To make a brand-new start,
It only takes the deep desire
To try with all your heart
To live a little better
And to always be forgiving
And to add a little sunshine
To the world in which we're living.
—Taken from Daily Reflections by Helen Steiner Rice.



Happy Holidays to your family from my family!
Love, Mr. and Mrs. Woods, Skylar, Hazel, and Chloe