



Our 1st Grade Classroom News



December 17th - January 11th

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Important Info

We will be focusing on long a words spelled a_e (examples: skate, shade, rake, gave, grape, etc)

The homework from this newsletter is not due until January 11th!

Ideas for keeping your child busy during winter break (OPTIONAL!):

- Freckle (online math)
- Reading A-Z (online reading)
- Look back at past Challenges of the Week and Tech of the Week and do some that your child didn't do before. Go to this website to see all of the past newsletters: <https://teachers.bluevalleyk12.org/Page/34181>

Tech of the Week

Website of the Week:

http://www.internet4classrooms.com/skills_1st.htm is a pretty neat website that addresses almost all skills that we do in 1st grade in both math and literacy! They have fun little games that the students can play to master these skills! It also has games for lower and upper grades as well.

App of the Week: [AwesomeEats](#) is a fun app that allows students to play different games and learn about healthy food at the same time! As they complete levels, it will give them random facts about food too!

Upcoming Events

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| Dec. 20 th | $\frac{1}{2}$ Day of School Winter Party (11am) |
| Dec. 21 st - Jan. 4 th | No School |
| Jan. 17-18 th | Mrs. Weeks will be gone |
| Jan. 21 st | No School |

Challenges of the Week

Math Challenge of the Week: We have been working on time to the hour and half hour recently. Have your child write down different times to the hour or half hour throughout a day by looking at an analog clock. Or if you don't have an analog clock at your house, have them draw a clock and draw what different hour and half hour times look like. *For more of a challenge, have them tell time to the minute on an analog clock instead!*

Reading Challenge of the Week: We have been talking about the different kind of feelings the characters have in our books recently. Have your child identify the main character in a fiction book and then write down the different feelings that the character went through, throughout the book. Have them identify what caused their feelings to change as well.

Writing Challenge of the Week: We have been discussing the difference between reality and fantasy recently. Have your child write a short story that involves fantasy. We talked about how that means that something in the story couldn't happen in real life. For example... Talking animals / dinosaurs walking through a city / flying shoes / magical fish / etc.

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