



# Our 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Classroom News



The Week of Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>

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## Important Info

-If you were thinking about getting me a gift for Christmas and struggling to think of what to get, an idea would be to donate to a local animal rescue and just let me know about it in a card! ☺ I am a HUGE supporter of shelter animals so that would be a present in itself! The rescue that I volunteer for is Rescue K-911. You can donate by going to

[www.k911foundation.com/howtohelp](http://www.k911foundation.com/howtohelp). You can also help by 'liking' their Facebook page. Search for Rescue K-911 (brown dog as profile picture) and sharing the dogs and cats they rescue to help them find someone to adopt them! ☺

-We are working on words with 3 letter blends this week (examples: **scrap**, **split**, **sprint**, **squid**, **stretch**, etc).

-If you have any child size coats that you no longer need, I have a friend who is a teacher in KCK that could sure use them with her students! She is a Kindergarten teacher but will take any child size coat! Send donations any time before Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> to me!

## Tech of the Week

**Website of the Week:** [ABCya Interactive 100 chart](http://www.abcya.com/interactive_100_number_chart.htm) is a great resource to go with what we are learning in math recently. Students can color in a 100's chart by counting by 2's, 5's, or 10's!  
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**App of the Week:** [Trading Cards](#) is an awesome app that students can create cards based on what they learn from a book/video/etc. For example, a student might read a book about George Washington. They then could create a trading card on this app that describes him. Awesome to use with non-fiction books!

## Upcoming Events

Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	Winter MAP testing (for teachers info only)
Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup>	½ Day of School Winter Party (am)
Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup> - Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup>	No School
Jan. 17-18 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. Weeks will be gone

## Challenges of the Week

**Math Challenge of the Week:** We have been working on skip counting by 2, 5, and 10's. Quite a few students struggled with counting by 2's to 50. Practice this with your child and then have them write the numbers down. *For more of a challenge, have your child do this to 120 instead!*

**Reading Challenge of the Week:** We have been talking about the difference between an author and an illustrator. Have your child make a list of authors and illustrators from the books they are reading this week. Sometimes the author and illustrator is the same person! They can note that on their list!

**Writing Challenge of the Week:** We are talking more about nouns recently. Students are identifying the nouns as they write. We talked about how a noun can be a person, place, or thing. Have your child write a story with at least 5 sentences. Then have them underline any nouns that they wrote down. *For more of a challenge, have them underline the nouns in different colors based on what kind of noun it is (person, place, thing).*