



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



The Week of Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>

Email: [Lweeks@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:Lweeks@bluevalleyk12.org)

Website: <https://teachers.bluevalleyk12.org/Domain/559>

## 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 dog shelter 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! Some favorite dog shelters of mine are: Unleashed Pet Rescue, Wayside Waifs, KC Pet Project, Rescue K-911, and Great Plains SPCA!

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

-I cannot say THANK YOU enough to those that donated for my friend who works in KCK school district! She had tears in her eyes when she saw all of the amazing donations! She said she will be taking pictures of the kids with the items on next week! I will be sure to share with you all!

## 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!  
[http://www.abcya.com/interactive\\_100\\_number\\_chart.htm](http://www.abcya.com/interactive_100_number_chart.htm)

**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. 12 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>	Winter MAP testing (for teachers info only)
Dec 20 <sup>th</sup>	½ day of School Winter Party
Dec 21 <sup>st</sup> - Jan 3 <sup>rd</sup>	No School
Jan 4 <sup>th</sup>	Dec. Reading Charts Due

## 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 working on cause and effect while we read. We talked about what causes different things to happen in the book. Have your child identify something that happened and what caused it to happen. Have them come up with at least 3 different examples of cause and effect while they read. For example:

Cause: Bobby lied to his friend.  
Effect: His friend was mad at him.

Cause: Susie jumped off of her bike while it was moving.  
Effect: She broke her arm.

**Writing Challenge of the Week:** We have been talking about things we need vs. things we want. Have your child create a list of things they want for the holiday season. Then have them create a list of things they need in order to survive.