Wow! I cannot believe it is December already! This school year is flying by. I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and are getting ready for all the Christmas festivities!

**Reading:** This week in reading we will be adding more CAFE strategies to our board. The students do such a great job using their strategies while they read. They are becoming great readers. Monday officially begins AR. The students will need to continue to read EVERY night for at least 15 minutes. Please sign their blue sheet so I know they read. You will now begin filling out the “ready for a quiz” section as well. Make sure your child fully understands their book before they take a quiz. I keep reminding them that it’s okay to read a book a couple times. It’s usually a good idea to have your child retell the book to you with as many details as they can before taking a quiz. We took two practice quizzes during computers this week so they will be ready to go. Please let me know if you have any questions.

**Writing:** We have finished up our realistic fiction unit. The students chose their favorite piece to edit, color and share with the class. We will celebrate their hard work on Friday.

**Math:** We continue to work on double digit addition. This is a tricky concept to learn. Any practice at home would be very beneficial. Ask your child how they learned to add double digits. We added using proof drawings as well as carrying the tens place. (We add the ones column first, carry the ten over (placing the “1” at the bottom), then add the tens column.)

**Word Study:** This past week we assessed the November words and received the new list of December words. Please help your child learn these words at home. They will need to learn them before Christmas break. We will test those last few days before we leave for Christmas vacation. I put a new website up on my blog. It’s a great website for practicing spelling words. (The students have used this website before and LOVED it.) We are on Units 10, 11, and 12. This would be great practice!

**Social Studies:** We are learning about economics in Social Studies. We have been talking about a person’s wants and needs and how they are satisfied by goods and services. We sang a fun song about scarcity… ask your child to sing it to you. We will continue this unit talking about local businesses and what we buy from them.

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Reminder:

~If you choose to participate in the Santa’s Secret Shop, our class will be shopping on Monday, December 5 at 1:45pm. Please send your child’s shopping list and money in a labeled envelope.

~We will be making Gingerbread houses with Mrs. Windeler’s class on Friday, December 9. If you have signed up to bring something in, please have it to school by Wednesday December 7. Thanks so much! The students are SO excited for this activity. The gingerbread houses will be delivered to a local nursing home.

~The Christmas program is December 8. Please drop your child off in our designated room between 6:45-7:00. I look forward to seeing everyone there! It should be a great program. They are such great singers. They are enjoying practicing during snack break 😊

~We are very excited for our bowling party, on December 13, which we won from bringing in over 1000 cans! Way to go 2nd Graders. We will be leaving right after lunch, so students will still need to pack a lunch or order hot lunch. They will be giving us matching T-Shirts to wear that day! Thanks again for all the cans you donated! They will be feeding many hungry people this holiday season.

~Our classroom Christmas party will be December 16 from 2:30-3:30. Our fabulous room moms and volunteers are organizing a very fun party! If you are willing to help out, please let me know and I will pass on your name. If you would just like to join us for the party, you are more than welcome to as well! Hope to see you there!

~DON’T FORGET... our class will be doing a book exchange the morning of the party. Please send in a wrapped book labeled “boy” or “girl” (boys buy for boys, girls buy for girls). We have set a $5 limit for the book. Please have the book to school by Wednesday, December 14. (If you have the book wrapped already and would like to send it in, we will place it under our tree).

Donations:

~We are trying so hard to keep these nasty germs out of our room. So far, so good. (knock on wood) However, we are going through a lot of Clorox wipes. We have been cloroxing twice a week, so we use almost 50 wipes a week. If you would be willing to send in a container or two with your child, it would be greatly appreciated! 😊

~We have also been going through quite a bit of Kleenex. I have 22 kids come in from the cold with running noses. If anyone is willing to send in a box of Kleenex as well, that would also be greatly appreciated!!!

Thanks so much for everything! I LOVE spending every day with your child. They are such a pleasure and I enjoy every minute of it!

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