

First Grade Newsletter



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Great Conversation Starters



Tell me about the reindeer games you played with your mentor. Which was your favorite? Did you go to the next level?



What are some of the settings of fairytales? How about some of the different types of characters?



What building did you create in the fairytale land? What little paper characters did you make?



Can you count backwards from 50?



What animal are you researching in science class?



Who was your Spanish teacher this week? What color words do you know?

Math Corner

This week we continued with story problems, emphasizing the importance of retelling. The story problems we worked with this week were subtraction. We worked to determine if we would have more or less after hearing the story problem. We then explored different ways of solving them and how to show what we did. We also played familiar games, like *Roll and Record* and *Five in a Row*. Instead of combining, we subtracted using one numbered die (7-12) and one dotted die.

Thank You!

Thank you to Claire's dad and nanny, and to Calum's mom for being the volunteers who helped make our gingerbread baking experience so much fun.

It's getting colder and drier. Feel free to send in small bottles of lotion and chapstick. It works best to label them with your child's name and keep them in the lunchbox. Also, recess is cold! Make sure your child has gloves.



We are sending home your child's sports shoes to be washed and for you to check for proper fit. Each child will need a clean pair in January. The children are currently doing gymnastics and will not need them until the new year.

Tomorrow is the Academy Awards of Books! You child may dress in fancy clothes or as a book character. Dismissal is at 12:00.