



# 1ST GRADE DECEMBER NEWS!

## MRS. BRONSON ROOM 43



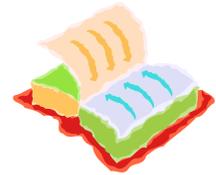
### Notes & Important Dates



- **Winter break begins on Monday, December 25th.** The children will not have school for two weeks. Classes will resume on **Tuesday, January 9th.** Have a wonderful winter break and a happy New Year with your families!
- **Santa's Secret Shop** is coming to the Palos Park Rec Center on Friday, December 1st.
- With the cold weather here, **please make sure that you send your child to school dressed appropriately for outdoor recess!** We will have outdoor recess unless the temperature with the wind chill is 15 degrees or below.
- **Aimsweb** testing will be on **Wednesday, December 6th.**
- **MAP Math Testing** will take place **Monday, December 11th.**
- **Palos East Winter Choral Program** will be on **Tuesday, December 5th, at 7:00.**
- **Field Trip** to Moraine Valley Community College will be on **Friday, December 8th.** We will be going to see the play "Christmas Toy Shop".
- **East Kindergarten Holiday Program** will be **Thursday, December 21st.**



### Language Arts



This month we will be reading some exciting and interesting fiction and nonfiction stories in our Wonders reading series. Our essential questions for the month of December are: How do people help out in the community? How can you find your way around? Here are some of the strategies

and skills that we will be working on:

- Rereading
- Character, setting, events and plot
- Making & confirming predications
- Main topic and key details
- Common and proper nouns
- Irregular plural nouns
- Verbs
- Long a: a\_\_e
- Consonant digraphs th, sh, -ng
- Ideas, Organization and Word Choice

The high-frequency words that we will be fo-

eat	all	around
no	call	by
of	day	many
under	her	place
who	want	walk



### Six Traits Writing—Voice

A writer's voice can change, depending on the topic he is writing about. A reader should be able to "hear" a writer's voice, tone, or attitude about the topic. The use of facial expressions can help students determine their voice. How do they feel about the topic?



# MATH

We will begin working on Unit 5 this month.—Work With Addition and Subtraction Equations.

We will practice the following topics in math this month:

- Finding Unknown Numbers
- True or False Equations
- Make True Equations
- Word Problems With Three Addends
- Add Three Numbers
- Solve Addition And Subtraction Word Problems

Please continue to practice math facts on Xtra math. This helps with fluency and speed.



# Science Communication

The students will be studying forms of communication and investigating if we can talk to each other without using our voices. They will be using materials to design and build a device that uses light or sound to solve the problem of communicating over a distance.

## Seasonal Patterns

We will also continue our discussion of the winter season, observing the changes in the natural world around us, and answering the following questions: What are the winter months in Chicago & how many hours of daylight do we have? How many hours of daylight does Nelson, New Zealand have during our Winter months? What do the trees look like? What kind of clothing do we wear in winter?



## STAR of the WEEK

Alan— December 4th



Happy Birthday!  
Alan - December 1st!

Happy Holidays & best wishes for  
an amazing New Year!

