

MRS. MCCARTHY'S NEWSLETTER

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5-9, 2016

Curriculum

Readers Workshop— This week students will hear the story *Charlie Needs a Cloak* by Tomie dePaola. We will learn the vocabulary words cozy, straight, evening and complete. This past week students were each given a Reader's Response Journal. This week we will focus on retelling by having the students write two things Charlie does to make a new cloak in their journals.

Writers Workshop— This week students will learn how to go back to a previous writing piece by re-reading and adding more detail in their picture and words.

Math— This week we will start chapter 3 which reviews and builds upon children's knowledge of numbers 1 through 10. We will start working on our teen numbers and children will learn to see each teen number as a group of 10

and extra.

Theme—

We will continue our unit about Holiday's Around the World. This week we will pretend to travel to Holland to learn about St. Nick and to Germany to learn about their traditions. Watch for something to come home this week regarding a tradition in Germany that maybe your family could try this year!

Need to Know

- ◆ December 13th— Report Cards will be sent home
- ◆ December 20th— Gingerbread Day

Make sure you get Invites out to grandparents or special guests. It is very important that your child has someone at school with them on this day. Please send in 1 box of Graham Crackers and an ice cream bucket on or before **December 9th**. If you have extra ice cream buckets, please send them too! Thanks!

- ◆ Book orders are due **December 9th**. If you are ordering books as a gift, please let me know and we can work together for you to get the books without your child's knowledge.
- ◆ Please send in a 2 inch binder along with a pack of 25 clear pocket sheets. These items should be labeled with your child's name. They will be used for an end of the year project. Thank you!

Mrs. McCarthy's Corner

Raz Kids

Raz Kids is an online reading resource with tons of books all available to you through our school subscription. Each child has their own log in which can be accessed by going to the Kennedy Homepage, clicking on Digital Resources on the left and then finding the Raz Kids icon. You can also access Raz Kids from our classroom website under Resources. I encourage you to use this wonderful resource at home to practice your child's reading. Students can listen to the story and then read it on their own. Starting at level C. students will complete a quiz to assess their comprehension. I have access to change your child's reading level. As I finish up assessing reading levels, I will change each child's Raz Kids reading level to better meet their needs. If you have any questions about this resource or need a reminder as to what your child's password is, please let me know!