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# Assessments Galore!

We have had a very busy week with another busy week to come. We were able to finish almost ALL of our assessments this week. The students worked so very hard. We still need to complete individual reading assessments as well as sight word assessments. Please have your child return their sight word books on Monday if I don't already have them. We also need everyone's reading logs by FRIDAY!! Please remember that your child is required to read 30 books this quarter in order to meet their reading goal. We also need everyone's AR books and library books by Friday as well. We will not send any new home until after the break.

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## **Week In Review and What's Up and Coming!**

Reading/Grammar – We practiced retelling key details as well as identifying the main idea of a story. The students have gotten much better at retelling, but now we are trying to get them to understand the difference between key details and details. We will continue to practice this skill next week as well as assess the students on sight words and their individual reading levels.

Writing –Over the last 2 weeks in writing we have focused on writing informational pieces about our classroom elf, Olaf as well as reindeer. The students seem to enjoy writing facts about various holiday symbols. Next week we will write about the Grinch as well as Santa.

Math – We spent a great deal of our week reviewing and assessing the number of skills we learned this quarter. We practiced fact families, the meaning of the equal sign, word problems, and place value. The students are doing very well with those skills. Math is definitely a strength of this group!! Next week we will introduce minute tests for addition. We will be teaching the students how to keep track of their progress using data folders as part of our Leader In Me integration.

Science – We finished our study of landforms and have been learning about magnets. The kids, and even Olaf the Elf, think the magnets are cool. The students practiced sorting items that are magnetic and not magnetic. We will continue our study of them next week and follow up with an assessment of sorting items.

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Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!

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## Upcoming Events!

- ★ Monday Dec. 15 - All Non-perishable items due for Holiday Party
- ★ Tuesday Dec. 16 - Classroom Holiday Party and Puzzle Exchange - Please make sure the puzzle is wrapped with your child's name on it.
- ★ Thursday Dec. 18 - Grinch Day - Please wear green.
- ★ Friday Dec. 19 - Polar Express Day - Please wear pajamas
- ★ Monday Dec. 22 - Monday Dec. 5 - No School! Winter Break
- ★ Tuesday Jan. 6 - Back to School!!!
- ★ Please send in your SHH... It's a Secret Items ASAP!

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