



# First Grade Newsletter

Date: 12/01/2017

## Conferences:

We are looking forward to seeing you at conferences next week! Each conference will last approximately 15 minutes. It is imperative that you arrive on time so that you get your full 15 minutes. If you haven't signed up yet there's still time! Call Karen Aither to schedule your time. We look forward to seeing you!

## The Kindness Elf

A Kindness Elf has appeared in our classroom for the holiday season and left us this note:

*The Christmas season has finally come and it's time to start the holiday fun! To spread joy, I do believe, it is better to give than to receive. I propose 15 days of kindness to bring joy and glee to everyone we see. Each day I will give a kindness task...challenges I know you can fulfill. Just do your best this holiday season, and I'll take care of the rest.*

*Love,*

*Your First Grade Kindness Elf*

Each day from now until Christmas he will charge us with an act of kindness. We can hardly wait to see what he has in store for us! We may need your help at home to complete some tasks, so please check your child's backpack each night...just in case!



## Our Letters:

Our holiday letters are well underway. Roland Lajoie will be visiting our school to record our letters next Wednesday! It usually takes him a couple of days after recording to have them up and running on the radio. Our estimate is that they will be playing by the beginning of the following week. Please tune your dial to the fm radio station 93.9 to enjoy our students throughout the holiday season, and remember if you miss it the first time they will continue to play until Christmas!

## Trees:

We are looking to add a tiny holiday tree to each of the first grade classrooms. If you would like to donate a tree to the first grade please email your child's homeroom teacher.

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## Looking Ahead:

- ★ December 5th - Early Dismissal (12:20)
- ★ December 4th-8th - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- ★ December 14th 6:00pm K-3 Winter Concert
- ★ December 22nd - Early Dismissal (12:20)

## Gift Giving:

In the spirit of "giving is better than receiving," in first grade we like to exchange homemade gifts. In the past students have made necklaces, bracelets, ornaments, etc. It is amazing how creative and thoughtful the children can be! If you are in need of crafting supplies that we have at school, please send us an email or a note and we can send materials home with your child. **Gifts are due at school by Monday, December 18th.**

We will have a Holiday Celebration on Thursday, December 21st where we will exchange gifts. We would love to have families contribute to the holiday cheer by sending in healthy snacks, drinks, cups, plates, and napkins!

Your child picked: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE CUT AND RETURN THIS FORM BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 4TH WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FILLED OUT:**

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, my child can make a gift at home.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, my child CANNOT make a gift at home. Please help them at school.

