

# Mrs. Courtney's Room 17 News

## December 2010

### Important Dates

#### December:

6 - Donations for gingerbread houses needed.  
7 - Construct houses  
9 - Decorate houses  
10 - Book Orders Due  
Christmas Sing 1:15-1:45  
13-17 Santa's Secret Shop  
14 - Class Play Dress Rehearsal  
15 - Class Play 10:00 and 12:30  
17 - Christmas Party 1:00-1:45  
Movie Night - The Search for Santa Paws  
20 - Polar Express Day - Your child may wear pajamas to school.  
21 - End of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester  
22nd-Jan. 4th Winter Break

### BIRTHDAYS



December 13 -  
Maya and Nolan

### Scholastic Book Order

#### Books make Wonderful

Christmas presents! If you would like to order books, please send in by next Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> so that orders can be received prior to the Christmas break.



### Gingerbread Houses

We will be making gingerbread houses next week. Please send in all donations by next Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. The houses will be constructed on Tues. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> and decorated on Thurs. Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. If you are available to help either day, please let me know.

### Accelerated Reader/ READING WALL OF FAME



I am pleased to announce the Wall of Fame members as of November 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### CONGRATULATIONS!

##### 10 Points

\*Spencer \*Daniel \*Raena \*Colten

##### 20 Points

\*Nolan \*Kaelyn

##### 30 Points

\*Mia \*Robby \*Alex \*Bella

\*Samara \*Andrew

##### 40 Points

\*Claire \*Payton

##### 50 Points

\*Sam \*Carson

##### 60 Points

\*Cole \*Jamony

##### 70 Points

\*Sasha

##### 90 Points

\*Micah

##### 100 Points

\*Hudson \*Olivia \*Abby \*Maya

#### 100 Addition Club

Congratulations to the following members of the 100 addition club:

##### 4 Minutes

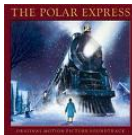
\*Nolan \*Hudson \*Abby \*Maya

\*Sam \*Micah \*Bella \*Payton

\*Carson \*Andrew

##### 5 Minutes

\*Sasha \*Claire \*Olivia \*Robby



On Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup> our class will enjoy reading, watching and participating in many activities based on The Polar Express. The characters in the story are in pajamas and robes. Your child may wear pajamas to school on this day. We will need some donations for our day.😊

### WHAT WE'RE LEARNING THIS MONTH...

**READING** - Our concept theme this month is Creative Ideas. We will concentrate on the following comprehension skills and strategies: drawing conclusions, author's purpose, compound words, cause and effect as well as theme and plot.

### SPELLING/PHONICS...

The students will work on the following skills:

\*long o-spelled o, oa, ow

\*compound words

\*long I spelled with I, igh, y

**SOCIAL STUDIES**- We will be talking about customs and traditions celebrated in different countries. In addition, we will be participating in a Christmas card exchange with other schools across the United States.

**ENGLISH**-We will learn about verbs with singular and plural nouns as well as verbs for present, past and future.

**MATH**- We will work on the following skills and concepts this month: Identifying the fractional part of a set, ordering 3 digit numbers, telling time to five-minute intervals, subtraction facts- subtracting 3 and 4, adding two digit numbers, estimating, measuring and comparing the capacity of containers.

### Class Play

Our class will be performing the play "The Children of Chocolate Street" on Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 and 12:30 in our classroom. Your child will be bringing home his/her script each evening to practice. It is crucial that they return the script each day.

**Merry Christmas to all!**  
**Mrs. Courtney😊**

