

# Mrs. Courtney's Room 17 News

## January 2011

### Important Dates

#### January:

14 - Book orders due  
17 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
(No School unless needed for snow make-up)  
20 - 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School  
21 - Movie Night

### BIRTHDAYS



January 8 Claire

### Scholastic Book Order

If you would like to order books, please send in by next Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.



### Snacks

Our snack supply is running very low again. If you would like to donate snacks for the month they would be greatly enjoyed by all the students. Thanks for your continued donations.

### A Special Thanks To...

All the parents who donated items for the gingerbread houses and who helped build them. Thank you to those who donated items for our Polar Express Day. Also a special thanks to Mrs. Bilger for organizing and planning our Christmas party as well as all of the parents who donated items to make it an extra special day!



We will be celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Be watching for more information to follow!

### Accelerated Reader/ READING WALL OF FAME



I am pleased to announce the Wall of Fame members as of December 21st.

#### CONGRATULATIONS!

##### 10 Points

\*Colten

##### 20 Points

\*Nolan \*Spencer

\*Daniel \*Raena

##### 30 Points

\*Alex \*Kaelyn

##### 40 Points

\*Mia \*Robby \*Isabella

\*Samara \*Andrew

##### 50 Points

\*Claire \*Payton

##### 60 Points

\*Sam \*Carson

##### 70 Points

\*Jamony

##### 80 Points

\*Sasha \*Cole

##### 100+ Points

\*Hudson \*Olivia \*Abby

\*Maya \*Micah

### Pizza Hut/Book It Awards



The following students returned their November Monthly Reading calendar. They earned a Pizza Hut free pizza.

Congratulations to: **Claire, Hudson, Olivia, Mia, Robby, Maya, Sam, Spencer, Micah, Samara, Cole and Jamony.** The December calendar must be returned by Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>.

### 100 Addition Club

Congratulations to the following students who correctly completed 100 addition facts in 5 minutes or less:

5 Minutes: Sasha, Claire and Robby

4 Minutes: Nolan, Olivia, Abby, Sam, Micah, Isabella, Payton, Carson and Andrew

3 Minutes: Hudson and Maya

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

**READING** —This month we will concentrate on the following comprehension skills and strategies:

- \*cause and effect
- \*theme and plot
- \*compare and contrast
- \*author's purpose
- \*fact and opinion
- \*comparative endings
- \*character and setting
- \*drawing conclusions

### SPELLING/PHONICS...

The students will work on the following:

- \*long I spelled with I, igh, and y
- \*spelling words with -er and -est endings
- \*words ending in -le

### SOCIAL STUDIES-

We will identify people in our past who have made a difference in our lives today. We will also begin a study of the Presidents of the United States.

**ENGLISH-**We will learn about the "be" verbs: is, are, was, were, be, being, and been. We will also learn about adjectives that compare and adjectives for number, size and shape.

**MATH-** We will work on the following skills and/or concepts:

- \*Adding a 2 digit number with a sum greater than 100
- \*Subtracting 5 facts
- \*Writing a number in expanded form
- \*Using comparison symbols
- \*Writing a fraction to show part of a set
- \*Subtracting 2 digit numbers
- \*100 Subtraction facts

**SCIENCE** — We will begin our study of the Solar System. Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Keller and I will team teach this unit.

**Have a great month! If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at home or at school!**

**Mrs. Courtney☺**

