

December 16-20

Phonics: This week we will be introducing the digraphs sh and ck. Consonant digraphs are two consonant letters that spell one sound. The sh digraph can come at the beginning or end of a word. The ck digraph only comes at the end of the word. Some examples include back, track, ship, and shift. Our sight words for the week are another, other and their. WE WILL NOT TEST THIS CONCEPT UNTIL FIDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup>.

Reader's Workshop: We are taking a break from our Teamwork unit. This week the kids will rotate through all the 1<sup>st</sup> grade classrooms to discuss various holidays, such as Christmas, Hanukkah, and Las Posadas. Using various holiday books, we will discuss story elements such as character, setting, problem and solution. The students will also use their "think marks" to write about the books we read.

Writer's Workshop: Our authors will participate in some fun holiday writing activities that will bring out their creativity!

Math: Our mathematicians will continue to learn addition and subtraction strategies. We will focus on Count Back 2. A list of addition and subtraction strategies can be found in section 3 of the binder. We will also be completing various holiday graphs.

Science: We will continue with our Germs unit. We will also take some time to discuss various holidays!

The first grade team wishes you and your family a safe, relaxing and fun Holiday Break. See you