



Finch Newsletter 11-30-18

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Here are some reminders, information, and updates about our class. Welcome to the Holiday Season!

- Please call the Office for transportation changes: 625-3101 (before 2:00 please).
- Attendance Line: Can call anytime: 625-5858
- We were so bummed to not have the experience of going to see The Nutcracker on Monday. We are working with the organizers of this and it looks like they will move us to a performance of Alice in Wonderland, sometime in May. I will share information with you as I know more specific details.
- Thanks in advance for purchasing a Gift of Writing, wrapping it, and sending it to school by Dec. 17. Please read the note included, which explains The Gift of Writing.
- Our Christmas Party will be **Thursday December 20 from 8:00-8:50**. Please feel free to join us! We appreciate those families who have already volunteered for supplies. Thanks so much!

Party Supply	Name		Party Supply	Name
bowls	Sawyer		Box of Frosted Flakes cereal	Bayze
spoons	Sawyer		Box of Life cereal	
cups			12 bananas	Ally
napkins	Addi		Gallon of milk	Gunner
Box of Lucky Charms cereal	Marleigh		Gallon of milk	
Box of Chex cereal	Rosie		Gallon of juice	Abigail
Box of Captain Crunch cereal	Olivia			

Here is what we have been learning. Please ask your child to elaborate.

Reading: CAFE (C=comprehension; A=accuracy; F=fluency; E=expanding vocabulary).

C- We focused this week on character, setting, plot, sequence

A-We focused on long i words (i, y, igh, ie) as well as the sight words (also, apart, begin, either, hundred, over, places, those, which, without)

F- We are having independent reading time each day, working on our stamina as readers. We also have a buddy reading time. We also read fluency packs of poems. This week we focused on intonation as reading.

E- We focused on the vocabulary words (adventure, delighted, dreamed, enjoyed, grumbled, moonlight, neighbor, nighttime)

Spelling: Students learned a new way to practice spelling patterns: Crack the Code Spelling. This is now a class favorite!

Writing:

- We worked on drafting and revising our thoughts about the Nutcracker movie we watched on Monday. Soon you can see these pieces in the hallway.

Math: We continue to work on Chapter 3: Adding Two-Digit Numbers

Social Studies: We continue to study History. Your child should've brought home a very important Interview Project. I hope students are starting these interviews and projects to be ready on their sharing day in December.

Thank you so much for your support and sharing your child with me.

Mrs. Amy Finch



The Gift of Writing



This year for Christmas, we are going to do a gift exchange where we "Give the Gift of Writing." Students can spend approximately \$5.00 on some **writing supplies** to give to another student in the class. Boys will buy for another boy and girls for another girl. (They will **not** know exactly who will receive their gift). This will make it easier to shop since a lot of the various writing supplies are gender specific. A few ideas for writing supplies include **pens, pencils, notebooks, notepads, and note cards**. The dollar store is a great place to get good deals! The gifts are due by **Monday December 17th**. **I ask that the gift be wrapped.**

*If your child is a boy label it... To: boy From: Your child's name

*If your child is a girl label it... To: girl From: Your child's name

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Mrs. Finch

