

Mrs. Berry's Classroom News

December 12-16, 2011

In November, students received information sheets about the Timberwolves Read To Achieve program. Any kids who participate need to read at least 500 pages and turn in their Starting Five Reading Card to me by January 6. Participants will receive a T-wolves prize package.

Language Arts:

- The sight word is, "are".
- Practiced identifying /k/ as a beginning sound (letter c).
- We practiced recognizing and writing beginning, middle and ending sounds
- We made short a words and then made new words by changing the a to an i.

Math:

- We are working on counting objects in a tens frame and adding on to get teen numbers.
- We are writing teen numbers.

Religion:

- Mass was today
- **Nativity:** The story for this lesson is an adaptation of Luke 2:1-18. Jesus teaches us that life is truly a celebration of love to be offered to God. On His birthday, we renew our commitment to a life of love and pray that our hearts be filled with the peace and love of the Christ Child. Christmas is a worldwide celebration of love; the love God has for us and the love we have for God and others.

Social Studies:

- The students learned about festivals of light around the world.

Special:

- Has anyone acquired an extra pair of dark blue/black snow pants? Sam is still looking for his. He has his name in them.
- Write your child's name on winter clothing. Send extra mittens and socks for wet days.
- Homework is letter L (pages 28-29).
- Please return library books.

Wish Tree:

Many of you have asked what I would like for Christmas for the classroom. I have been at a loss for ideas until this week. For many years, I have wanted a "Smart Table" for students to work on at center time. This is similar to a Smart Board except it is in a table format. Earlier this year, I received a \$200 dollar donation to use in the classroom. I have been saving it to put toward one of these tables. If it turns out there is no way I can buy a table then I want to buy an I-Pad for the students to use. If you still want to contribute to the classroom, you can make a check out to the school to go toward some technology for our classroom. Any amount will help us achieve our goal. Thanks for your interest in your child's classroom. It is exciting that so many of you want to help out!

Send Box Tops for Education, Kemps and Land-o-Lakes milk caps, and Campbell's Soup UPCs.