

November 18, 2016 Dear Parents,

I cannot believe that next week is Thanksgiving...before we know it we will be getting ready for Christmas! We had a great week here at school and the behavior "tune up" seemed to have worked:

Please remember that the students do not have school next Wednesday, (teacher in-service), Thursday, and Friday (Thanksgiving break). Due to the short week, we will not have a new reading story. Instead, we will be working on reading strategies and reviewing the short vowel sounds. There will not be a spelling test next week.

In math, we are working on different addition strategies. The ultimate goal is to have students memorize their facts, but we will start out by giving them different strategies to use while they learn their facts. We have been using the touch point system and it has been very successful for many students. Next week, we will continue using touch points and work with a number line as well. I will also be sending home addition flashcards that the kids can use to practice their math fluency. In social studies, we will be talking about Thanksgiving and completing our Thanksgiving packets.

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend! Good luck to all of the hunters! It looks like winter may be approaching...colder weather is on its way! I'll see you Monday-
$\sim$ Annie

