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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The holiday season is here already!
Here's a look at what we've been doing along
with a couple of reminders.

Language Arts

This month we will be continuing Unit 3. Our focus is on words with vowel patterns o, oa, and ow, compound words, words with vowel patterns i, ie, igh, and y, and comparative endings er and est. Our comprehension focus will be on drawing conclusions, sequencing, and fact and opinion. During grammar we will continue to work with verbs. For writing we will be working on writing friendly letters, narrative poems, and realistic fiction.

Math

In math, our focus is on the addition and subtraction of numbers to 1,000. We are learning how to borrow and regroup. Basic fact fluency is the key for success. Keep practicing those facts at home! Please contact me if you would like your child's XtraMath, IXL, MobyMax, or STMath login for practice at home.

Science/Social Studies/Health

This month we are learning map skills. We will learn how to read and use maps of different kinds. At home you can look at a map with your family and show your children where family members live all over the

country. If using a GPS to travel, point out the map the GPS is following on the phone. Have your child share what we would do if we didn't have a GPS to guide us.

Binders

Please take the corrected papers/mail out of your child's binder each night. This keeps the binder from getting too full and makes it easier for your child to locate his/her agenda and homework paper each day.

Pajama Day

On December 23rd we will be having a pajama and hot chocolate day. Your child may bring in a stuffed animal with them. If you are able, any donations of prepackaged hot chocolate and little disposable coffee cups with lids would be greatly appreciated!

Important Dates in December

December 23rd Pajama Day

December 24th-January 1st Winter Break

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at New Holland Elementary by phone (717-354-1520 ext. 4112) or by e-mail (megan_humphrey@elanco.org). Thanks for your support!

Sincerely,
Miss Megan Humphrey