Ms. Flaherty’s Classroom News for the Week of Dec. 14th



Dear Parents,

Thank you for helping your child practice his/her multiplication facts at home. S/he is expected to use XtraMath daily as part of their homework. Your child should be at 80% or above on XtraMath multiplication. Half the class has completed multiplication and has moved on to division. Several more students are expected to complete their multiplication level this week.

The fourth grade is selling Culver’s calendars to raise money for our Madison field trip. They have over $50 worth of coupons, and only cost $5. These make wonderful Christmas gifts! Students are having a contest to see who can sell the most calendars in the month of December and again in the month of January.

If your child is planning to attend the Snowflake Ball, please turn in the permission slip and $5 by this Thursday. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Flaherty

**Academics:**

*Reading:* “Real Life Action Heroes”*Reading Strategy Focus* – Informational Text, Fact & Opinion, and Text Features *Writing* – Opinion/Persuasive Writing *Word Study* – Grade Level Spelling Bee on Monday; No Spelling or Vocabulary Test this Week *Math* – Continue Unit 5, work on multiplication, story problems *Science* – Continue Electricity Unit



**Important Dates:**

*Dec. 14th, Monday* – Grade Level Spelling Bee  *Dec. 17th, Thursday*– MAP Testing (Math) *Dec. 18th, Friday*– Homemade “Secret Angel” Cards Due - - $1 Wrapped Gift Due (for student gift exchange) - - 11:15 Dismissal - - 11:15-1:00 Snowflake Ball *Dec. 21st, Monday* – The Great Jeffery Raffle, 5th Grade Fundraiser *Dec. 22, Tuesday –* 4th Grade Teachers Provide Lunch for Students *Dec. 23rd, Wednesday –* No school, Christmas Vacation Begins *Jan. 4th, Monday –* Students Return to School