

# AnnaMae's Crew

First Grade Newsletter \* December 16, 2017



Learning about needs and how to meet them with Brooke in Conflict Management class.

Hello Everyone!

We sure have been working hard practicing for our menu presentations! We've been using our ipads to video record each group and we've been critiquing each group as we learn ways to improve the quality. We will be ready for our final filming on Monday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. **Most students could still use some more practice at home - focusing on fluency, eye contact and even throwing in a smile!**

During math we have been working with number grids and number lines A LOT. We've been using them to find multiples for skip counting, for finding patterns, for solving number sentences and for solving story problems. In D5 time, we've been working really hard on both of our fluency strategies in hopes that they will also help us with our expedition menu presentation work. The two strategies are called "Reread the Same Text" and "Use Punctuation." We also took some D5 time to practice our short i spelling patterns and to share the books we've been writing for Work on Writing time - they love to share and feel so proud of their work! In writing we practiced the lowercase a and d.

**Holiday Party - Thursday!** We are planning to watch a PG movie titled "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs." Let me know if you'd rather your child not see this movie and I can look for a back up food movie to show (any ideas??) We will be having a gift exchange - it is optional. Boys buy a boy gift and girls buy a girl gift. If you bring a gift, you get a gift... and if you don't bring one, you don't get one. Please **DO NOT** spend more than \$10... and please **NO** candy for the main part of the gift (one or two small pieces as part of the gift is OK... just not all candy please!) If you want your child to be apart of this, but it is a hardship for your family to afford, I do have a couple offers for a "back up" gift... please let me know if your child will need this. All students are welcome to bring in a special snack or drink that day.

Friday homework is in their backpacks and it is due this Thursday. You will not find spelling for next week. I have decided that with the short week and the holiday party, there just will not be time for a spelling test.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. I can most easily be reached via e-mail at: [annamae@schoolcraft.org](mailto:annamae@schoolcraft.org) I can also be reached via phone by calling the main Schoolcraft number at 218-586-3284.

Thanks, Anna Mae

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

December 22<sup>nd</sup> - Crew Christmas Party

December 23<sup>rd</sup> - January 2<sup>nd</sup> Winter Break - No School

January 26<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Food For Tough Celebration 5:30

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Adrianna - December 26<sup>th</sup>