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Goddard’s Gazette

December 9, 2016

**Language Arts:** prefixes and suffixes, base word endings –s, -es, close and critical reading, reading for fluency and accuracy remains a high priority. Please continue to read at home nightly and practice the reading fluency sheets.

**Writing:** Students have been working so hard on a Persuasive writing piece. They had to Convince Santa why they would make the best elf for him this Holiday. They had to edit and revise their work. It was a long process but I am so proud of the finished pieces.

**Math:** Place Value, Adding double digit numbers, Carrying the ten, UNIT TEST

**Social Studies:** Learning/Practicing Map skills through a fun elf packet. Santa’s elves lost the naughty/nice list somewhere around the world and we have narrowed it down to some locations in the local Richmond area. We are also starting to talk about different Holiday celebrations around the world. We would like to share family traditions that you share within your family.

**DON’T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR REMIND!**

Don’t miss these important messages!

Use our classroom weebly webpage also for useful links to support and challenge your child’s academics at home: [**www.goddardsguppies.weebly.com**](http://www.goddardsguppies.weebly.com)

**Progress reports** went home today. I am pleased with the progress the students are making. Any areas your child received a 2 or 3 are the focus for us. Please reinforce these skills at home.

If your child received a 2 or a 3 for social skills, please reinforce our school wide and classroom expectations. As we approach the Holidays, the children get excited and behaviors increase. Please discuss behavior expectations with your child at school. Behavioral issues not only impede the learning of your child, but also the other children in our classroom. We want to maximize the learning that is taking place in the classroom.

**Reading and Math Fluency**

**Practice**

**is due on Friday.**

**Important Dates**

We will be going to **Santa shop on December 13th** during our Library time. Past practice was that only the children with money orders will go to Santa shop to avoid upset students that don’t buy.

**Dec. 21**: 1:15-2:30, Holiday Celebration (see note)

**Dec. 22**: ½ Day, Holiday break starts at the end of the day.

Please Send **Earbuds/Earphones** for your child to KEEP at school if you have not already. This helps reduce noise levels and keeps students focused on their learning targets!