Announcements/Reminders

- Please bring any paper towel rolls or wrapping paper tubes to 1st grade. We are preparing for our January Science Fair project!
- **Christmas Concert Tuesday, December 17th.**
  - 5:30pm students arrive at the classrooms in best Christmas attire.
  - 6:00pm Christmas Concert followed by Christmas Cookies and Milk in the Hall.
- December 18th - Pajama Day! All first graders are permitted to bring a stuffy to class.
- St. Vincent de Paul items: Canned Soup
- December 20th - Red and Green Spirit Dress Day. Silly Christmas Sweaters are highly appreciated in first grade!
- 12/21/19 - 1/6/20 -- NO SCHOOL!

Learning Targets

**Reading** - Christmas Around the World! Some highlights of our week include Las Posadas in Mexico, The Epiphany in Spain, The Feast of Santa Lucia in Sweden, and the World Famous Christmas Markets in Germany.

**Next week’s itinerary:** England, The Philippines, Poland, India, and Italy!

**Word Work** - In Word Work this week, we are focusing on vocabulary from each country we visit and recording them in our Traveler’s Dictionary.

**Writing** - This week, we wrote descriptive paragraphs of our monster creations. We also compose reader responses in our Travel Journals on the various countries we visited this week.

**Math** - Christmas Math Centers! We are learning to count money, identify odd and even numbers, find missing numbers, greater than and less than, and tell time to the o’clock and half-hour.

**Religion** - Religion this week concentrated on PEACE, the second week of Advent. We also learned about Santa Lucia of Sweden.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Be our Mystery Guest on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month!!!
- Library - Fridays 11:40-12:10
- Daily 5 Station Leader - Tuesdays 1-2pm, Wednesdays 11am-12pm, Thursdays 11am-12pm.
- Art - Tuesdays, 11:25-12:20 - PRIORITY
- Bulletin Board Helpers - Once a Month