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| Merry Christmas, First Grade Parents! Please pay careful attention to the “Homework Chart” for this week as things are different. This week instead of a “normal” week in Reading, we will enjoy a Christmas Book Study. All details are on the back in the ELA section. There will be NO reading, spelling or grammar tests this week, however, we do have a chapter test in math this week!  \*\*\*As the weather turns colder, we want to remind you that the only sweatshirt that can be worn inside the classroom is the navy sweatshirt with St. Alphonsus lettering. The only jacket that can be worn inside is the solid navy jacket that zips open completely in the front. A heavy overcoat can be worn on exceptionally cold days for outside use only. As always please remember to clearly label your child’s sweatshirt and/or jacket.\*\*\*  **Tuesday, December 18th:**  -Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest due (See the KC for details.)  **Wednesday, December 19th:**  -Students may wear Spirit Dress, a Christmas shirt or Christmas colors with spirit dress guidelines or pajama pants! (See email sent on Monday.)  **Friday, December 21st:**  -Our First Grade lunch time has changed to 10:30 a.m. due to early dismissal.  -Class Christmas Party at 11:00 a.m. Please let our wonderful Room Moms know if you have any questions about the Christmas Party!  -1:00 p.m. dismissal and NO aftercare (Please email me your child’s route home for this day ASAP if they normally attend aftercare.)  **December 24th – January 7th:**  -No School for Christmas Holidays!  Our student of the week is **Khalie Lorio**! She loves the color pink, her favorite sport is soccer and her favorite food is pizza! When she grows up, she wants to be a veterinarian. Khalie enjoys playing at home and reading at school. She is a very fluent reader! Khalie has been a pleasure to teach. Way to go Khalie! ☺  Wishing you and your family a very blessed, happy and MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR! See you in 2019! 😊 |

Homework/Quizzes/Tests

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|  | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Reading | read a Christmas story | read your favorite book | read your favorite story in our textbook | read your favorite Christmas story | **First Grade Party at 11:00 a.m.** |
| Spelling |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grammar |  |  |  |  |  |
| Math | **My Homework pgs. 433 - 434** |  | **Place Value Test** |  |  |
| Religion |  |  |  |  | **No Mass** |

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| English Language Arts (Reading, Spelling, Grammar)  MC900437990[1]  Please notice that this week our ELA section is slightly different due to a Christmas Book Study!  This week our class will have a book study on “Mooseltoe!” This is a fiction story about a moose who thinks he is prepared for Christmas, but at the last minute he discovers he has forgotten the Christmas tree! **You can find the “Mooseltoe” read aloud on YouTube if you would like to watch it at home with your child this week.**  We will focus on many different comprehension skills including sequencing, compare/contrast, and predictions! We will also focus on our writing skills this week.  This week we will also learn some new words, how to spell them and their meanings as well. | Math  MC900130271[1]  We will continue Chapter 5: Place Value this week.  This chapter consists of 14 lessons and will take approximately 3 weeks to complete. Upon completion of this chapter students should be able to read and write numbers up to 120, put 10 ones together to make one ten, gather ones into groups of 10 to make counting tens and ones easier, compare two two-digit numbers or groups of objects and determine which groups is less, which group is greater or if the groups are equal.  **Our Chapter 5 Place Value Test is this Wednesday, December 19th.** |
| Religion  MC900245783[1]  This week we will focus on the Christmas and Advent seasons. Yesterday, December 16th, was the third Sunday of Advent.  http://www.emmauslakeway.com/pictures/Advent%20Wreath.jpg | Social Studies/Science  MC900438227[2]  This week we will continue to explore Christmas traditions around the world. Last week First Grade “traveled” around the United States, Mexico and France!  This week we will receive “plane tickets” to “travel” to Germany, England, Sweden, and Italy! As we travel through each country, we are creating a scrapbook page of our memories and things we have learned. **We cannot wait to send home our final Christmas Around the World scrapbook this week, so you can see the many places we traveled to and the things we learned.** |

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