



Celebrations From Around the World



Dear All-Star Parents,

I hope that you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving break and you and your All-Star and getting ready for Christmas.

In the following weeks we will be looking at the different celebrations around the world. Starting this week we will be looking at Kwanzaa. Next week Hanukkah and the last week before Christmas break, Christmas. The following explains about the different celebrations.

Kwanzaa is a non-religious African American holiday which celebrates family, community, and culture. It is celebrated for seven days: December 26 - January 1.

Hanukkah is the annual Jewish festival celebrated on eight successive days beginning on the 25th day of

Kislev, the third month of the Jewish calendar, corresponding, approximately, to December in the Gregorian calendar. It is also known as the Festival of Lights, Feast of Dedication, and Feast of the Maccabees, Hanukkah commemorates the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem by Judas Maccabee in 165 BC after the Temple had been profaned by Antiochus IV Epiphanes, king of Syria and overlord of Palestine.

Christmas is celebrated on the day of Jesus' birth. Jesus of Nazareth, is the central figure of Christianity who was born in Nazareth to Mary.

In addition to learning about these celebrations, we will be experiencing some of the different foods that they eat. We will do this on each of the Fridays that go along with each celebration.

Reminder:

Please continue to bring warm clothes for your child. It is getting very cold outside. It is encouraged to have a hat and gloves in addition to a warm coat.

Christmas List

The next page will have a list about Christmas gifts for the classroom. Please take a look at it.

Thanks



THIS MONTH IN CLASS

- **Science:** Learning about matter and the different states of matter that are around us. Liquids, Solids, and gases.
- **Lang. Arts:** Looking at Cause and Effect. Also reinforcing verbs, nouns, pronouns, and adjectives.
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- **Writing:** Working on writing compare and contrast paragraphs.
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- **Math:** Continuing to problem solve two and three digit addition and subtraction problems..



Math



We have been learning how to add two and three digit addition problems. We are now going to start learning how to subtract them. This can be a very difficult concept for second graders to learn. Please practice both addition and subtraction with your all

-star at home. This reinforcement will not only help them to understand the concepts being taught, but it will increase their confidence and their sense of accomplishment.

The following pages has a strategy to help reinforce with your all star


on how to subtract two digit problems.


If you have any questions please feel free to email me.

Thank you

Cookies and Friends Subtraction

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 Cookies

 Friends

Question: Do you have enough cookies for your friends??

- Yes: I have 6 cookies and 2 friends, so I have enough cookies.
 - So I just subtract the cookies from the friends or $6 - 2 = 4$ in the ones column
- Then go to the tens column and subtract $4 - 2 = 2$ for the difference of 22.

Cookies and Friends Subtraction



6 13

~~7~~ ~~3~~

Cookies



— 1 8

Friends





5 5


Question: Do you have enough cookies for your friends??

- No: I **DO NOT** have enough cookies for my friends.
 - So I get in my car and drive to the store.
 - I take one set of **10** cookies off of the shelf and bring them back to my house.
 - That means that there are only 6 sets of 10 cookies left at the store.
 - **7-1 = 6**
 - Then I add the set of **10** to the existing cookies at my house.
 - **10** cookies + **3** cookies = **13** cookies
- Then I subtract 13 cookies minus 8 cookies is **5** cookies
 - **13-8 = 5**
- Then I go to the **tens** column and subtract 6 from 1 and get 5 as the difference.
 - **6-1 = 5**
 - The difference is **55**

Cookies and Friends Subtraction

Now Lets try some on our own

 4 9 ← Cookies 

— 2 6 ← Friends 

Question: Do you have enough cookies for your friends??

Cookies and Friends Subtraction



1 9

← Cookies



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8

← Friends



Question: Do you have enough cookies for your friends??