

**Mrs. Ricks’ Classroom News**

**Week of December 18th**

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| **Phonics Skill:**  -Review all phonics skills that have been previously taught  -There are no new tricky heart words for the week.We will review these tricky words:  **so, no, of**, **all, some, from, word,** **are, were, have, one, once, do, two, the, who, said, says, was, when, why, where, what, which, here, there they, their, my, by, you, your, because, should, would, could, down.** (Tricky heart words are words we can’t sound out. We have to know them by heart. We practice spelling and reading our heart words.)  **Reading:**  -Partner reading during guided reading groups  **Grammar:**  -Review Nouns and Verbs  **Writing:**  - “How to” Writings- “How to Build a Snowman” and “How to Catch an Elf” (Students will write their steps in the correct order for both writing activities and then complete a craft to go along with each writing.)  **Math:**  -Topic 8- Understand Place Value  1stgrade | **Core:**  -Fun Gingerbread Unit- We will read The Gingerbread Man Loose in the School, The Gingerbread Bear, and The Gingerbread Baby. We will compare stories by focusing on Story Elements- characters, setting, problem, and solution.  **Upcoming Dates:**  **\*Thursday, December 21st-** Grinch Day for 1st Graders  **\*Friday, December 22nd-** Our classroom winter party 8:30-9:45 **AND** pajama day!!!  **\*December 25th-January 5th-** Winter Break  **\*Monday, January 8th-** Staff Work Day  **\*Tuesday, January 9th-** Students return to school  **\*Wednesday, January 10th-** First Grade Coffee Talk with Mrs. Alfonso (8:00-9:00 am in the cafeteria)  **Specials Schedule:**  Monday, 12/18- Art  Tuesday, 12/19- Music/P.E.  Wednesday, 12/20- Tech/Library  Thursday, 12/21- P.E./Music  Friday, 12/22- Art  Education - School Supply - Crayon Set Isolated on White Background - Black, Blue, Turquoise, Teal, Green, Yellow, Orange, Red, Pink, Purple, Brown, and Gray Crayons Isolated on White Background |