

# McDonald Newsbits

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## Note for you...

I know that this is a busy time of year so if at any moment you feel overwhelmed with school requests or classroom work, please let me know. I will help you in any way that I can!

## Science

We are currently discussing the water cycle. I love celebrating units with food or experiments but don't want to risk asking too much of you as parents. If you are willing to send in an item for the edible water cycle, let me know. It is a great way to study!

## Thank You!

I can't even begin to tell you how much your support and donations mean to me! It is because of you that the Christmas Party centers will be a success. We will certainly appreciate the sprinkles, hot chocolate, candy kisses, bags & frosting. A special thanks to Susie Coxen for her willingness to cook 90+ sugar cookies for all of third grade. Our Polar Express Celebration should be a blast! I will be emailing the parents who signed up to help as your assistance will be needed in running centers. Also if you haven't already, **could you send in \$2.00 for the party?** This will help cover the cost of the craft & paper products.

## Math

Wow! We are cruising. The child just recently took a test on unit 5, Place Value. This unit was extremely easy for them as it served as a review. Continue to review multiplication, addition and subtraction facts.

## Language Arts

**Writing:** Your children are AMAZING Poets! We have been focusing on "What do poets do?" and "What do poets write about?" We've opened the door to our hearts and have been exploring our feelings, memories, concerns for the world and "I wonder." Writing about their observations is much easier for them at this point.

**Reading:** We will be reading stories by Chris VanAllsburg to focus on the reading strategy of questioning.

**Reading Counts:** Please encourage your child to take one test per week. Their goals have not changed. I would love it if they were reading a chapter book.

## Gift Exchange

Don't forget that we will be having a gift exchange. Please send a \$3.00 gift for the gender of your child. Let me know if you need help with this as I would love it if everyone could participate. ☺

## Specials :

### Week of Dec. 8th:

Monday: Music  
Tuesday: Gym  
Wednesday: Art  
Thursday: Music  
Friday: Gym

### Week of Dec. 1st:

Monday: Art  
Tuesday: Music  
Wednesday: Gym  
Thursday: Art  
Friday: Music

## Upcoming Events

December 10th: Santa's Secret Shop at 12:30  
December 19<sup>th</sup>: Party 9:30 a.m.  
December 21<sup>st</sup>-January 2<sup>nd</sup>: Break  
January 3<sup>rd</sup>: Swimming Lessons

