

MS. Hoang'S  
First Grade News  
December 11th-15th

## What We Learned

### Writing:

- Weekend journal
- Brainstorming ideas for "All About Books"
- Reviewing text features and how to include them into our "All About Books"
- Adding "How-To's" to our books

### Reading:

- Readers learn new words as they read
- Readers find and think about keywords in books
- Re-reading with a keyword in mind

### Phonics: -all, -al word families

### Science/Social Studies

- Parent speakers presented and shared their personal migration stories with us: Ms. Save from India, Ms. Hermance from China/Vietnam, and Ms. Sheffer-Hogan from Israel
- Further discussion and exploration on how migration affects families, personal histories, artifacts, and traditions

### Math:

- Solving subtraction sentences using different strategies:
  - Doubles trick
  - Friends of ten trick
  - Subtracting zero and subtracting the same number

### PYP Unit of Inquiry: Where We Are in Place and Time

- Central Idea: Migration affects personal histories
- An Inquiry into: (1) Why families migrate and from where (causation) (2) The effects of migration on families (change) (3) Family beliefs, artifacts and traditions (perspective)

## Important Dates

### 1st grade Winter Party

December 21st

### Winter Break

December 22nd-January 8th

## Reminders

Please bring snack and water bottles everyday.

### Specials:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday → P.E.  
Tuesday and Thursday → Music or Art

We will be going to the library on Friday. Please make sure students bring his/her book to return.