

MS. Hoang's
First Grade News
December 4th-8th

What We Learned

Writing:

- Weekend journal
- Continuing to write "teaching books"
- Adding specific info about number, size, color, and shape into writing
- Writers are brave enough to spell "tricky words"
- Writers write all their ideas down first, then go back for "tricky words"

Reading:

- Reviewing reading strategies
- Being flexible with vowels, sounding it out both ways; as a short and long vowel
- Readers check that the words they read look right and make sense

Phonics: Long u an long o: with silent e (u-e and o-e)

Science/Social Studies

- Defined what personal histories are
- Discussed how families have different artifacts and traditions that are celebrated
- Our principal Ms. Kim shared her personal migration story

Math:

- Solving subtraction sentences using different strategies:
 - Draw a picture
 - Counting back on a number line
 - Part-part-whole
 - Doubles trick

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.