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### HOMWORK:

Please return homework packets from last week (or any other week)

### ASAP.

I am sending home a new Reading Log and a math worksheet for the remaining days of this school week. The Reading Log and math sheet are optional and can be returned on **FRI-DAY**.

**NEW PACKETS WILL GO HOME ON FRIDAY JANUARY 19th.**

### IMPORTANT DATES:

January 18th-  
Foreign Language  
Classes Begin

January 20th-  
Medina Chess  
Tournament

February 10th-  
Auction (5:30pm)

March 16th-  
**REGULAR SCHOOL  
DAY**  
(Day off cancelled)

# The First Grade Flash

January 16, 2007

## Literacy

Our class is working on writing fiction stories. The class has planned their characters, setting and story problem. We are creating About the Author pages in computer lab and will also create dedication pages and cover art for the books we will publish. In addition to writing fiction stories, we are learning how to summarize stories using a quality retell checklist. Students need to supply key story element information and share a plot summary in sequence.

## Math

Our focus in Number Games and Story Problems has been developing problem solving skills and strategies. We have worked on multiple solution crayon problems, played a variety of games to increase math fact knowledge and developed our own stories to go with multiple addend problems. In addition, the class was challenged to determine whether given numbers were odd or even and explain their "proof". This activity was designed to increase students' ability to generalize about important math concepts like evenness.

## Science

In the last week we have explored solids and liquids. Prior to our LONG weekend, the class experimented with unidentified liquids in bottles. We added key vocabulary words to our science content list including: viscous, bubbly, foamy, colored, transparent and translucent. The class was responsible for categorizing the "mystery" liquids based on properties. After experimenting, we identified the liquids and discussed some similarities and differences between solids and liquids. One key difference: **LIQUIDS TAKE THE SHAPE OF THEIR CONTAINER.**