

# News from Room 205

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# December



## What We're Learning!

**Spelling:** For spelling this month, we will continue to work on high frequency words, as well as the following spelling patterns: Bossy "r" (or, ar, er, ir, and ur), and Prefixes (un-, re-, mis-, & pre-).

**Reading:** This month we will continue to work on our comprehension and fluency skills by reading rich literature every day. Some of the skills we will be working on in reading this month include author's purpose, theme, character, plot, setting, cause & effect, sequencing, questioning, visualizing, and making inferences.

**Writing:** This month, we will continue working on planning, drafting, and publishing persuasive speeches. In addition, we will take some time for a few fun, holiday-themed writing projects.

**Math:** Our focus in math this month, will be on building fluency with multiplication and division facts, through patterns, properties, and problem-solving strategies. Additionally, we will relate multiplication to area models.

**Science/Social Studies:** We will continue our science unit on Rocks, Minerals, and Earth Materials. Toward the end of the month, we will move into our study of the Southeast Region of the United States.

## Upcoming Events



- **Kruse Spelling Bee**– Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 9:15 a.m.
- **DIBELS Reading Assessment** - Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>
- **Classroom Holiday Party**– Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 2:30-3:28 p.m.
- **Winter Break** – December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 – January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Happy Birthday to Hunter!**



## Message from Ms. McConnell

Thank you all for your continued support! A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to all of you who have participated in the Holiday Gift Baskets project! Our Kruse community is so appreciative!!

This month, we will be focusing on the character trait of *Empathy*. Ask your child about ways they are learning to show this trait! I am looking forward to a fantastic month of December! I hope you all have a magical, wonderful, and restful holiday break with your loved ones!

~Ms. McConnell

