Dear First Grade Families,

Last week was the end of the first trimester. Your child’s report card is in this Friday folder. Please take a minute to look over the report card and contact me with any questions or concerns. You will notice that a 1 means your child consistently demonstrates the skill with a high percentage of accuracy (90% or higher). A 2 means that your child is approaching proficient and demonstrates the skill about 80-90% of the time. A 3 means they are making progress in this skill but not consistently yet and under 80% accuracy. You will see many 2’s and 3’s because many of the first grade skills we work on will take all year to reach proficient such as reading levels, phonics skills and writing. I am so proud of this class and the progress they are making!

**The Christmas Concert** has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 20th at 7:00pm. Please bring your child to the First Grade classroom between 6:30 and 6:45. We will also be doing a performance during school hours at 1:45. We hope to see you all there.

**Spelling**: Our spelling words this week are compound words! As the words get more difficult it is important to use the practice list I send home every week to practice these words at home. The more times they get to read and write the words the more successful they will be on the spelling test!

**Christmas Celebration and Book Exchange:** We will have a Polar Express Christmas celebration on Thursday, December 22rd. The children may wear their pajamas to school that day. We will enjoy some popcorn and hot cocoa in the afternoon while watching the Polar Express! We will also do a classroom book exchange.

**Book Exchange:** For Christmas I love to do a class book exchange. Please purchase or choose a gently used book from your home to give as a gift to another child in the class. Wrap the book, but do not put a name on it! The children will each get to choose a book as a gift. The children always love this!

Have a great weekend! myetter@alnsonvikings.net