Dear First Grade Families,

Team 12 has been working hard to learn our “hunks and chunks”. These are little rhymes to help us learn word parts. Ask your child all about them!

**Math:** In math, we have been working on strategies to add numbers quickly when one addend is 9, 8, or 7! We have been working to use drawings, number bonds, and number sentences and to make connections between 10 facts. We took a mid-module assessment on Thursday and Friday, and will be moving on to learn how to subtract from teen numbers by breaking numbers into 10 and some more to subtract 9, 8, and 7.

**Writing:** In writing, we are working to write information books that teach our audience all about something or how to do something. We have learned to use twin sentences to help introduce our readers to new words. Example: Monkeys are mammals. Mammals are animals that are born alive and have fur.

**Reading:** This week we learned that readers notice and use key words about a topic. Key words are words specific to a topic. For instance, in a whale book, you might see the word blow hole or calf. We also learned that good readers reread to make their voices sound smooth, strong, and exciting.

Love, Miss Dacey
Reminders:
**Winter Wonder Bags:** Please have your child bring in 18 items by Tuesday, December 18th! If you have any questions or concerns about this, please EMAIL me or WRITE A NOTE! I want to make sure everyone can participate, so if you have a financial worry – please let me know!

Please sign and return the report card envelope!

Don’t forget your SNEAKERS for PE On Monday!

Dates to Remember:
**Stocking Stuffers Due:** Tues., Dec. 18th

**Holiday Party:** Thurs. Dec. 20th

**Winter Vacation:** Saturday, Dec. 22nd- Tuesday, Jan. 1st

More pictures went up on our class twitter this week! Be sure to check them out at [www.sau57.org/dacey](http://www.sau57.org/dacey).