

December 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> 2011

### The North Pole



Each year at this time, we study a specific “cold” or “icy” geographic location on earth. Last year we learned about Antarctica. This year our focus is on the “North Pole”! Students will learn facts that include; the temperature in the winter & summer, the animals that call the North Pole home, The fact that the sun only rises & sets once each year, and more. We will also cover some of the most famous expeditions to the North Pole – for example, the Arktika voyage of 2007 which was the first manned expedition to attempt to pass under and down to the sea floor directly under the North Pole! No study of the North Pole would be complete unless we also covered the possibility that this may be the home of Santa Clause!

### Book Orders Have Arrived



Our Scholastic book order has arrived! If you have ordered books through any of the previous months book orders forms or via the internet, please check with us at the school, we have your books!

### Arts & Crafts



This week your student will be busy at work creating a Holiday mouse and a Christmas Owl. In art class we are also working on using scissors and cutting skills as well as the tips and tricks to using glue sticks successfully.

### Winter Holidays Around The World



The holiday season is a great time to share family traditions with friends and loved ones. Next week we begin our yearly study of a number of winter holidays celebrated around the world! This is a good opportunity for the students to experience and learn about how other children different from themselves celebrate holidays that are important to them. This year we will focus on Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Winter Solstice and Diwali. If your family has a particular celebration, activity or tradition you do each year and you would like to share it with all our students, we encourage you to do so! We will set aside time next week for a short learning circle ( 10- 20min.) where we would love to have you come and share. Your child and you can share a favorite story book that shows your tradition or bring items in that you use in your families celebration. Please let us know if you would like to be apart of our learning next week!