

# What's "News" in Mrs. Deeren's class?

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Hello, Team! It has been a busy December as expected. Each day holds a new adventure, and brings us closer to the magic of the holiday season. My greatest wish is that you will be able to slow down and enjoy time with your loved ones.

## ELA (English Language Arts)

We just finished unit 3 where we explored expository texts and talked about text features. We even did some research on planets to practice informational writing. Phonics focus from this unit is r controlled vowels. There are many of them! You can also log on to IXL at home and practice recommendations! Many students are raising, and continue to raise, their scores in challenging areas. This will get them closer to accomplishing their goals for this semester. Ask your child "thinking" questions about what they are reading. Readers should know how to find key details and tell the main idea of the text. Grammar focuses are action verbs, contractions, suffixes and prefixes, and inflectional endings.

## Math

We are back at it with multiplication strategies! I am exploring the unit on IXL and so far it's popular with the class. This program does not have homework built in, but I highly encourage practicing

in IXL at home. This is easy and the kids enjoy it. If you have questions about how to log in at home, please don't hesitate to ask! Again, one of the most helpful things you can do at home with your student is review addition, subtraction, and multiplication flashcards. Reflex is also a good fact practicing option for those of you who can access the Clever portal at home. Just 10 minutes a night helps so much! Without these skills, it will be difficult to move forward with more difficult mathematical concepts.

### Other good stuff

You can still donate to Angel Tree! We are collecting self-care products like shampoo and toothpaste. Family activity night and the Woodview performance are Tuesday, December 12th at the high school. Third grade takes the stage at 5:00, and we ask that you arrive at 4:45. After we perform, families will be able to make crafts with the kids in the commons area of the high school. I look forward to seeing you all! Our class party is Friday, December 22. We will be celebrating with a grade level pancake breakfast then making our way through the game rotations around the school! I can't thank you enough for trusting me with your little learners. Enjoy your weekend!

Sincerely,  
Kimberly Deeren