## Miss Basinger's Grade Newslettor <br> November 17, 2016 <br> upcoming Events: <br> NO SCHOOL NOV 23-25 <br> NOV 28- DEC 2- BEDLAM foOd drive hOSted bY $2^{\text {nd }}$ grade © <br> NOV 30- morning joe With Joe (junction Coffee in front of SChOOI) <br> Dec q- Pajama Party movie with with PTAwatChing "Elf" () <br> Don't wear Pj's to SChOOl <br> DeC 12- Blast Off! sing along- parents welcome! <br> DeC 16- Enrichmen+ Cluster ShOwcase!! (4-6 pm) <br> DeC Iq- Class Christmas party <br> Dec 20- Christmas caroling down+own (time <br> LOSt and Found <br> --Salvation army will be here to Pick <br> eVerything that is Left on NOVQMber 18th.

Please continue to read each night and sign the agendas nightly. Studies have proven that children who read/ are read to several times each week have higher success rates in school! I know this is a busy time of the year, but it is so very crucial to the students.

This is what we studied:

- Native American folktales like Raven by Gerald McDenmott and created a totem pole showing beginning/middle/end of the story.
- Anansi the Spider- African folktales
- Word of the week was patience.
- What a compound word is: a word made up of small words that can stand alone
- Blends, digraphs, and long vowel/sneaky e patterns in words. Telling time by the hour (analog and digital)
- Counting by 5s.
- Story of Thanksgiving- pilgrims that came to America and Native Americans
- Fractions: whole (1). half (1/2), and fourth (1/4). You can ask your child to show you these by folding different circular/square items.
- We did a friction experiment using magazine paper, wax paper, and laminating plastic to see which material causes the most friction and which slides the best to make the best ice skates.

