

Dear Room 19 Families,

I hope you are having a wonderful weekend!

Below, please find some reminders and updates for the upcoming week, as well as a brief summary of what we are working on in class.

### Information and Updates:

- **MBEF-** Don't forget to make your year-end donation!
- **KidBlog-** The next review is a free choice, and will be due on January 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Mindful Moment-** Cognitive research suggests that when people focus on things they are grateful for, their happiness increases. Making a habit of expressing gratitude helps us be mindful about our lives and the bigger picture, leading to a greater appreciation for other people and the larger world.
- **Griffith Observatory Field Trip-** Our field trip to the Observatory will be on January 10<sup>th</sup>. The field trip form will be sent home on Tuesday, please look for it in the white envelope.
- **Holiday Book Exchange Party 12/20-** Students may wear ugly sweaters/pajamas, and will enjoy some treats on the patio. For the exchange, please send your child to school with a new or gently used wrapped book. We will have an old fashioned "Yankee Swap" in which the children draw names and each has a chance to either choose a book from the pile, or "steal" a book that has already been chosen

### Reminders for this Week:

- **Monday-**
  - We have P.E.
- **Tuesday-**
  - We have Science Lab with Mrs. Liu.
  - There is a social studies test.
- **Wednesday-**
  - Remember that we will meet on the upper playground at 8:10 for morning assembly.
    - Be a Proud Pacific Panther and represent our school by wearing blue, yellow, or Pacific gear :)
- **Thursday-**

- We have music. Remember to bring your instrument.
- We have P.E.
- We have a Mid-Module math test.
- **Friday-**
  - We have art class.
  - We have a Wordly Wise Test on Lesson 10.
  - MBMS Choir is coming to perform for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

### What We're Working on This Week:

- **Reading & Writing-** We are reading our class novel, *Home of the Brave*. We are focusing on nonfiction text structures- using Depth and Complexity and Notice and Note to think deeply, and write well, about what we read.
- **Math-** We are focusing on adding and subtracting fractions, and will have a mid-module test (lessons 1-7) on Thursday.
- **Science-** We are currently working on the scope, Matter is Everywhere. Students will learn that matter of any type can be subdivided into particles that are too small to see, but even then, matter still exists.
- **Social Studies-** A note from Mrs. Stelter: On Tuesday, students will take a test on the First Colonies. Starting on Wednesday, we will take a closer look at the individual colonies in New England, including those started by Puritans.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.