

Dear Room 19 Families,

Happy December!

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:

- **KidBlog-** Our nonfiction KidBlog is due this Thursday. The next review is a free choice, and will be due on January 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Graded Assignments-**Just a reminder to be on the lookout for graded assignments that come home in the homework folder. This Monday the following will be returned: Module 2 math test, root word test, and a narrative writing assignment. You can always access Wordly Wise and reading responses on Google Classroom, and math exit tickets are graded and sent home daily.
- **Mindful Moment-** Students who practice grateful thinking not only have a more positive attitude towards school, but their brains are also more focused. Thanksgiving has now passed, but the many December holidays lend themselves to a continued feeling of gratefulness. Challenge for the week: At breakfast/lunch go around the table and share what you appreciate/are grateful for.
- **Adopt-a-Family-** Please be on the lookout for an email about our Richstone Family for the holidays. You may start dropping off wrapped gifts to the classroom tomorrow.
- **Holiday Book Exchange-** I'm excited to announce that on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, we will have our annual Book Exchange in Room 19. 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. It's great fun and everyone goes home with something new to read over the break! Please be sure that your child brings a book that he or she feels someone would be excited to receive. This is not the time to clean out unwanted books that might not be of interest to anyone. It is ok to send books that may be more likely to appeal to either boys or girls. This is usually sorted out during the "stealing" process. Additionally, students can always trade their books at the end of the game. Students may also wear pajamas/ugly sweaters to school!

### Reminders for this Week:

- **Monday-**
  - We have P.E.
- **Tuesday-**
  - We have Science Lab with Mrs. Liu.
- **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 :)
  - We have a science test.
- **Thursday-**
  - We have music. Remember to bring your instrument.
  - We have P.E.
  - KidBlog due.
- **Friday-**
  - We have art class.
  - We have a Wordly Wise Test.

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

- **Reading-** We are reading our class novel, *Home of the Brave*. Students finished their book club books, and will present their Depth and Complexity posters to the class. We will begin our nonfiction focus this week.
- **Writing-** We have finished our narrative unit, please look for the graded writing in Google Classroom, and a specific rubric in the homework folder. We will begin to discuss nonfiction structures.
- **Math-** This week we will begin Module 3, Addition and Subtraction of Fractions.
- **Science-** We will finish out Matter Cycles scope with a CER and multiple choice test on Wednesday. Our next scope is Matter is Everywhere.
- **Social Studies-** A note from Mrs. Stelter: We will review the material that was taught by the substitute about the Mayflower and the Pilgrims. Students will also learn about the early French colony in Quebec, the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam, and the French exploration of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River region. This will conclude our study of the earliest European settlements. The test on this unit will be Tuesday, December 11.

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