

Dear Room 19 Families,

I hope you had a great weekend! The rain is expected to continue into the week, please make sure to have students report to the cafeteria before the morning bell rings.

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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:

- **Support MBEF-** Don't forget to make your year-end donation! We are currently at 64%, and with at least 75% we can earn a \$200 materials bonus, or at 90% participation, that bonus goes up to \$300.
- **Urban Dance-** We were unable to start dance last week due to the instructor's schedule, but we will start our 10-week Urban Dance class with the very talented and accomplished Mr. Roberts! The classes will culminate with a final performance on March 19 (Parents, mark your calendars to come watch!). We will be alternating morning times with Mrs. Stelter's class so that we do not miss morning assembly every week. This week, please report to the classroom at the 8:10 bell, not the upper field.
- **Parent Art Night-** Bill Ahrens, who teaches 4th and 5th grade art, is hosting a Parent Art Night on January 14, from 6:00-7:30 p.m., at the Pennekamp Elementary School Cafeteria. Here is the Sign-up Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4DA4A829A2FE3-1stmbelementary>
- **Report Cards 1/25-** The District has changed the date for report cards to be sent home. They will be sent home on January 25th.
- **Class Party-** We have earned our first class party! Way to go Room 19 Students! Students will vote on what they want to do for the party on Friday.

Reminders for this Week:

- **Monday-**
 - Scholars Speak assignments are due.
 - We have P.E.
- **Tuesday-**
 - We have Science Lab with Mrs. Liu.
- **Wednesday-**
 - We have our first dance class! Please remember to meet at the classroom at 8:10.
 - We have a science test.
- **Thursday-**
 - We have music.
 - We have P.E.
 - We have a math test.
- **Friday-**
 - We have art class.
 - We have a root word test on roots 32-50.

What We're Working on This Week:

- **Reading & Writing-** Genius Hour (GH) projects are up and running! Last week, students chose their topics, created their research questions, and organized/grouped the questions into subtopics. This week, we will begin to gather research resources (from the Pacific Library and other MBUSD libraries), and students will practice organized note taking using Scholastic News before they begin their own on their GH topic.
- **Math-** We will finish addition and subtraction of fractions, and will have our End of Module test on Thursday.
- **Science-** We will finish the scope, Matter Changing States, and have a test on Wednesday. The test format will require the students to read an article and use their knowledge of state changes and matter to answer questions using scientific evidence. We will begin our next scope, "Properties of Matter."
- **Social Studies-** A note from Mrs. Stelter: This week, students will learn about the Middle Colonies of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware.

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