

Dear Room 19 Families,

I hope you had a wonderful winter break filled with family time, laughs, delicious foods, and fun!

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 61%, and with at least 75% we can earn a \$200 materials bonus, or at 90% participation, that bonus goes up to \$300.
- **Griffith Observatory-** Our field trip is this Thursday! Some reminders: Please get to school at 7:30, the bus will leave promptly at 7:45. Please pack a disposable lunch to be eaten at the Observatory, and bring a snack that you can carry in your pocket on the bus. We plan to return to Pacific by 1:00, and will have a class and P.E. There will be NO MUSIC on Thursday.
- **KidBlog-** Due this Thursday.
- **Urban Dance-** 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.
- **Scholars Speak-** The next Scholars Speak assignment is a narrative moment from winter break. Students will receive the prompt tomorrow, and will have some time to plan in class. The assignment is due on Monday, January 14.
- **Upcoming Root Word Test-** We will have a test on roots 32-50 next Friday, January 18th.
- **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>

Reminders for this Week:

- Monday-

- 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.
- **Thursday-**
 - NO MUSIC.
 - We have our field trip to the Observatory.
 - KidBlog is due.
 - We have P.E.
- **Friday-**
 - We have art class.
 - We have a Wordly Wise test on Lesson #11.

What We're Working on This Week:

- **Reading & Writing-** We will begin our Genius Hour projects this week! Over the next few months, students will select a topic, research it, write about it in a formal nonfiction paper, and present it as an expert to the class using Google Slides. Take a look at the topic options with your child! Topic choices are due on Wednesday.
- **Math-** This week we will continue to add and subtract with fractions, and will have our End of Module test next week.
- **Science-** We will begin the scope, Matter Changing States.
- **Social Studies-** A note from Mrs. Stelter: Students will learn about the 5 major industries of the New England Colonies. We will also look at the crafts and trades of colonial America and students will learn about apprenticeships.

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