

Dear Room 19 Families,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving Break filled with family time, friends, great food, and lots of laughs!

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**- The Manhattan Beach Education Foundation does so much to help support our schools! Please consider donating if you have not already done so! MBEF supports Science Lab, Makerspace, PE, art class, and smaller class sizes.
- **KidBlog**- Our next KidBlog review is based on a non-fiction book, and is due on December 6th.
- **Wordly Wise/Root Words**- There will be NO Wordly Wise this week, we will focus on root words, and have a test on roots 16-31 on Friday. As a reminder, students are expected to memorize the root definition, and be familiar with the derivatives (true/false, multiple choice).
- **Xtra Math**- A number of students have not completed any Xtra math fluency work. As we discussed at goal setting conferences, having automaticity with basic math facts is very important. Students who lack automaticity have more errors and longer computation times, and homework and classwork take longer. Most importantly, students who lack fluency complete significantly fewer math problems, and as a result, they do not always get sufficient practice with 5th grade problems needed as a foundation for middle school and high school math. Please encourage your child to complete Xtra math practice for about 5-10 minutes a day. You can check their progress on the Xtra Math website. The sign-up information was sent home in September. If you need the sign-up information sent to you again, please email me.

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 :)
- **Thursday**-
 - End of Module 2 Math Assessment.
 - We have music. Remember to bring your instrument.
 - We have P.E.
- **Friday**-

- We have art class.
- We have Maker Space.
- We have a root word test.

What We're Working on This Week:

- **Reading-** We are reading our class novel, *Home of the Brave*. Students are finishing their book club groups and focusing on using Depth and Complexity and Notice and Note to think deeply about their reading.
- **Writing-** Our writing focus this week continues to be to write well about what we are reading. Students will also write a small moment Narrative on something that happened over the break.
- **Math-** This week we will review all of our division lessons, and will take the End of Module Assessment on Thursday. Don't forget to check-out the resources on the math page of our class website.
- **Science-** Please look for the Ecosystem test to be returned on Monday. We will begin studying matter, starting with the scope, Matter Cycles.
- **Social Studies-** A note from Mrs. Stelter: Students will study the tumultuous first years of the English colony of Jamestown. They will also learn about the Protestant Reformation in Europe and how it led to the Plymouth Colony started by the Pilgrims in Massachusetts.

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