

January Newsletter
3rd Grade - Room 14
Mrs. Clark & Mr. Caron



Important Dates:

January 6th - No School (Teacher Professional Development)
January 18th - No School (Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday)

Reading:

We will continue to read various fiction and nonfiction texts. As we read fiction texts, the skills we will be working on include - using text evidence to answer text dependent questions, retelling using only key details, characters traits and feelings, point of view, and context clues. As we read nonfiction texts, the skills we will be working on include - using text evidence, main idea and details, cause and effect, and text features. We will also learn how to interpret information in text features to help us understand the text.

Writing:

We will be completing our fiction unit of our Being a Writer program. We have been learning about the important components of a fiction writing piece which include character, setting, and plot. We will be incorporating these components as we take a piece of writing through the entire writing process. In addition, we will be working on writing to text. We will be learning how to read a text and respond to a narrative prompt. We will be focusing on writing from a different character's point of view. The language skills we will be focusing on include verbs and verb tenses. We will also learn about subject - verb agreement.

Math:

We will be completing unit 2 and beginning unit 3 of our Ready Classroom Mathematics program. In unit 3 will focus on the understanding of area. We will learn strategies to find the area of a shape by using length times width. In addition, we will continue to use multiplication and division facts to solve real world problems.

Social Studies:

We will be beginning our unit on the Native People of Massachusetts and their contact with European explorers. We will explore who the Pilgrims were and why they left Europe. We will be able to describe their journey to the New World. We will also study the government in the early years in the Plymouth Colony. In addition, we will analyze the Pilgrim's relationship with the Native American people such as the Wampanoag and Abenaki.

Science:

We will continue our unit on heredity where we will discuss the traits passed on from parent to offspring and how environmental factors might influence these traits. In addition, we will learn about natural selection and the traits that help organisms survive. We will also learn about why some organisms are no longer on Earth.

Other Information:

- Please make sure all weekly assignments are completed.
- Check your emails frequently, as a lot of important information is sent every week.
- **MCAS Information:** We will be preparing for the Spring MCAS test over the next few months. At this point the students will be required to complete an abbreviated version of the MCAS. The test will be used to determine the academic status of our students. It will help educators pinpoint best practices for remote learning.

