**Supplies Needed**

This is a great time of year to ask your child if they need any supplies replenished. In particular, many students will need pencils and dry erase markers.

Happy Holidays!!

We would like to wish all of you a wonderful Winter Break and hope that you enjoy your time with your family. Safe travels and Happy New Year!!!

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**Spirit Week–Next Week!!**

**Mon.-** Inside/Backward Day

**Tues.-** Wear YELLOW for 3rd grade

**Wed.-** Whittier Wear or Twin Day

**Thurs.-** Dress like someone famous

**Fri.-** Crazy hair Day

Upcoming Dates:

** Gift Exchange/Winter Break Party-** Friday, December 20

** Winter Break –** Mon., Dec. 23-Jan. 3. School resumes Jan. 6

** PTO Meeting-** Tues., Jan. 14

**Whittier at the Movies –** Fri., Jan. 17 3:00-5:00

**Dr. King Holiday –** Mon.,

Jan 20 – No School

**Winter Conferences –** Wed. and Thurs., Jan. 29 and Jan. 30

Recyclable  Materials NEEDED!

Our class has started building communities out of recycled materials next week. The class is in groups of 4 people (or 5) to design and build a suburban, rural, or urban community. It is not too late to send items in! The more the group has to choose from the better ideas they were come up with. Please send in boxes of any shape (but not bigger than a shoe box or cereal box), plastic containers of a reasonable size, toilet and paper towel rolls, etc. Please make sure anything sent in is clean and safe to use—nothing that is made of glass or has sharp edges.

**Curriculum**

***ELA (Reading / Writing and more)*** –The class and I are taking a small break from Reading Units of Study and are reading a novel together called *The Hundred Dresses.* The story addresses the issue of bullying and how it is handledand made right by the characters. We will answer questions in our reading notebooks along the way as well as how characters are helping or hindering the situation.The class is enjoying the book. We are also looking at the different kinds of genres that are under the umbrellas of Fiction and Non-fiction. We have looked at many different kinds of books and are getting comfortable with the specific kinds of characteristics that make up each genre. There will be a quiz where they will have to identify what genre an actual book is and use Explain Everything on their iPad to share the characteristics. Very fun activity!

***Math*** – We are finishing our unit with rounding and adding and subtracting two and three digit numbers using the standard algorithm. We have gotten better with both operations but still struggle with subtraction. If at all possible to sit down and watch your child’s technique and catch any simple mistakes would be helpful from him/her repeating the same mistake over and over. We have been practicing here as well. We will do the Study Guide on Monday, go over it on Tuesday and start and finish the End of Module on Tuesday and Wednesday. Most of them did a great job on the Mid-module assessment and I hope they continue. I do stress that they show their work and make sure they answer all parts of the question so they get all of the points on a problem.

***Social Studies*** – We are starting to build our communities next week. This project not only develops the concept of community, but it’s a very significant opportunity to work collaboratively with peers. We’ve had discussions about what it means to cooperate and to compromise. Ask your child who is in their group and which type of community he/she is building! *More details below.*

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