**Curriculum**

***ELA (Reading / Writing and more)*** – In Reading Workshop, we have begun a unit on non-fiction reading. We are learning strategies to help us read more deeply where we consider how the information is organized, to identify the main idea and supporting details, and to work on figuring out the meaning of challenging words instead of skipping over them. We are also noticing how pictures/ captions, diagrams, graphs, maps and glossaries all can be helpful in in giving us more detail about the topic we are reading. I know a few students that are very excited to be in this genre! ☺

 In Writing Workshop we have started on our non-fiction writing where student will choose a topic that they are an expert at and will create a book. I look forward to seeing what topics your child will read and research. I want them to be as successful as possible. This assignment will be done during school time.

***Math*** – Our next unit is Multiplication and Division with Units of 0, 1, 6-9 and Multiples of 10. We are asking that they continue to practice the math facts at home. This is a big unit for everyone to really work hard and get the majority of the facts to mastery so that the problem solving becomes about completing of steps in the process and not figuring out what the product is. It is essential that all students have these facts down before the start 4th grade.

***Social Studies/Science***- After we wrap up our Communities we will get started on our next Science unit which will be Life Science. We will learn about plants, the human skeleton and animal structures. We will also be starting our Country Project next week. Student will pick a country to study for six weeks and then present what they have learned. There will be a written and a creative component to this project. I will go over directions on Jan. 15 and we will pick countries on Jan. 17. Please start discussing what country would be a GREAT fit with your child.

**Community Share Next Week!!**

Ms. Swanson and my classrooms will be taking time out to share our Communities with Grades K-3rd on Monday, January 13 in the afternoon from 12:45-2:00. If you are free to stop in we would love to share what we created!

**Thank you!**

Once again thank you for the generous gift cards! I was able to replenish our back up pencil supply and recess equipment. I appreciate the support!

MAP testing

Students will have MAP testing in the next two weeks. The results will be shared with you during conferences at the end of this month. I sent the schedule for conferences on Wednesday so please be sure to pick a time that works for you and your child.

Upcoming Dates:

**Dr. King Holiday –** Mon.,

Jan 20 – No School

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

** Book Fair-** Wed., Jan. 29 – Fri., Jan. 31

** Half days-** Thurs., Jan. 30 and Fri., Jan. 31 Dismissal at 11:00. Please plan accordingly.

** PTO Meeting-** Tues., Feb. 11 – See Digital Backpack for details on this meeting

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**Conference Schedule**

Thank you for helping me get the schedule set. I have a few conferences left to schedule. Check your email for a copy of the schedule. Please let me know if there is time that would work for you. I am very open on Thursday afternoon and have a few left Wednesday and Thursday evening. I will send out the final schedule as soon as I can. Thank you!