

**Curriculum**

***ELA (Reading / Writing)*** – In Reading Workshop, we will continue reading mysteries for another week or so and student engagement continues to be high. They are becoming conscious mystery readers actively thinking about what the mystery is and who the “crime solvers” are. We’ve been documenting clues that we find as we read to help us solve the crime (or at least develop a theory about it) before the crime solver, if possible. Students are improving with this reading as their level of engagement (leading to improved comprehension) has increased.

In Writing Workshop, we are going to write a longer persuasive piece after break. We will be doing some kind of research to go along with this. It might be traditional book research or maybe a survey of other students or adults. The first challenge will be to choose a substantial enough topic!

***Math*** – Next week we will continue working on the addition and subtraction of two- and three-digit numbers. We will do this through word problems so we continue to have a context for our use of numbers. We have started using the traditional algorithm, but I still encourage students to think about whether or not they could solve a problem quicker/ more easily by using mental math. We will also work on subtraction with borrowing which is typically a challenging skill.

***Soc. Studies –*** We went over what the three types of Communities were this week. Next week they will get in their groups and pick what their type of community they will build and do a rough draft of an idea to get them started. We will probably start building at the end of the week. So exciting!

Upcoming Dates:

**Hard lock down – Monday, Dec. 2 8:15 am**

**PTO Meeting** – Tuesday, December 3, 7:00

**Report cards go home** – Friday, December 6

**Last day of school before Winter Break** – Friday, December 20

**Winter Break** – Monday, December 23 –Friday, January 3

**School Resumes** – Monday, January 6

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T.E.A.M. Report

**Trick or Treat for UNICEF!**

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**Save Recyclable Materials for Communities!!**

One of our favorite projects is just around the corner: building communities out of recycled materials! Please begin collecting small and medium size boxes, plastic containers, cotton balls, toilet paper rolls, etc. I will let you know when to send the items in and PLEASE make sure everything is clean before it comes in. NO milk containers or overly large items. If it is hard to break apart it doesn’t need to come in. Over the years we’ve found that when groups have a large selection of materials to use for building, they tend to do a better job in creating. We will begin about Dec. 4. Thank you for your support!

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**Secret Buddy Grab Bag**

On Monday, I will share a handout about our Secret Buddy Grab Bag we will be doing to celebrate each other and the season of giving. If your child participates he/she will pick a name of another student to buy a gift for between $10-$12. We will exchange gifts at our Winter Break Party on December 20. A permission slip to participate will be due back next Friday, December 6.