

**Save Recycle Materials**

One of our favorite projects is just around the corner. We will be working in groups to build/create a community with 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. Also over the years the groups that have a selection of materials to build from tend to do the better job in creating. We will begin in two weeks. Thank you so much!

**Winter Break Party**

 I will notify those families who volunteered to bring items in for our Winter Break Party in the next week. Our party will happen in the afternoon of Friday, December 21. We will have a gift exchange (more coming on this next week) and sit back, relax and enjoy the holiday season with each other. Our All School Sing will be in the gym with the whole school from 1:30-2:30. Unfortunately due to space it is only for students and staff. Afterwards we will come back to the class and clean. If you have any questions let me know.

 T.E.A.M. Report

**Curriculum**

***ELA (Reading / Writing)*** – In Reading Workshop, we have begun a unit on non-fiction reading. We are leaning strategies to help us read more deeply where we consider how the information is organized, we are learning to identify the main idea and supporting details, and we continue 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.

 In Writing Workshop we have started on our non-fiction writing where student have chosen a topic that they are an expert at and will create a book. I love the topics that your children have chosen and want them to be as successful as possible. Please consider doing minor research on the computer at home to get more information to add to their book.

***Math*** – We are taking the End of the Module Assessment for Unit 2 on Place Value and Problem Solving with Units of Measure. We have gone over the Study Guide and did the assessment this week. I am trying to emphasize that the Study Guide is a great tool to help do well on the test. 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 to help them master them by the end of the year and be ready for 4th grade.

***Soc. St./Science –*** We have studied the skeletal system of the Human Body and will move on to Communities in the next week. After break we will order our crayfish and finish up our Life Science by observing how these creatures live and get along with each other. The crayfish will be with us for a short time and then they will be passed on to another third-grade classroom. The crayfish are a nice addition to the classroom and quite the animals to study. I am sure you will be hearing stories.

Upcoming Dates:

**PTO Meeting** – Tuesday, December 4, 7:00

**Report cards go home** – Friday, December 7

***Nutcracker Ballet* field trip** – Friday, December 7 11:30-2:00

**Winter Break Party** – Friday, December 21 in the afternoon

**Winter Break** – Monday, December 24 –Friday, January 4

**School Reopens** – Mon., January 7

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**Dress for the Weather:** Now that winter is here please make sure your child has all the important items. We do go outside and enjoy the fresh air. I want everyone to enjoy it and be comfortable. Thanks for helping with this.