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Take care and see you in 2016!

This Week's Focus and Standards:

Reading and Writing: Nonfiction reading, boxes and bullets, and becoming an "Active Reader." Completing all written assignments up until this point as well as starting our Informative Writing unit.



Math: Completing our unit on addition and subtraction and looking forward to measurement and fractions! **STUDY MULTIPLICATION FACTS!!!**

Social Studies/Science: Taking a look at "The First Californian's." Reading our chapter on Energy & Matter

UPCOMING!!! Happy Holidays and a VERY Happy New Year!! See you all in **2016!!!**

Highlights

We continued **Writer's Workshop** taking a look at the art of informative writing. Comparing this to what we have been studying along the way, narrative writing, realizing that the format is quite similar, making sure to have a beginning, body, and then conclusion, but that the purpose is to inform. We began by making a list on things we felt we were experts on, and started the process of making a web, building our ideas. I am looking forward to what's to come! For **Reader's Workshop**, we continued working on finding the main idea of what we are reading, and then trying to formulate that main idea in a complete sentence. This is quite a difficult concept, because after reading a page, or a chapter, the kids have to try to summarize the main idea, and then have their bullets to support it. They began a little project, where they partnered up with another classmate, and are trying out this skill. They are encouraged to practice this at home with whatever they are reading. It will also be very helpful if you periodically asked them what the main idea of the book they are reading about, is. This keeps their minds thinking! In **Math**, we began our unit 4, which is focusing on measurement and geometry. The kids took their pre-test, and I was very impressed with the fact that many of the kids did very well. Having been exposed to fractions and collecting grams and Liters the last few months, they have really strong, general ideas of these concepts. We began the unit looking at telling time on analog clocks, as well as learning how to solve problems including elapsed time. The strategy of drawing these times out on the number line is very helpful, and they were really enjoying doing something a little different than addition and subtraction! We are all looking forward to diving deeper into this unit when we return. **COMING HOME** over break is a blank calendar for the 3rd graders to make predictions as to what the last few days in December are going to be. Have your 3rd grader explain what we have noticed so far this month, talking about equivalent fractions and equations. A little sneak peek into our Number Corner morning routine! Have fun! **CONTINUE having your 3rd graders commit their facts to memory!** Once we return from break, we will have 2 weeks of practicing to get back in the swing, and then on **January 15th**, we will have our first test, everyone taking their factors of 2's. They will have **1 min.** to answer **30 problems**, identically formatted to the ones they have been practicing for the last few weeks.

M	Tu	W	Th	Fr
Dec. 21	Dec. 22	Dec. 23	Dec. 24	Dec. 25
_____	_____	Happy Break!!	_____	
Dec. 28	Dec. 29	Dec. 30	Dec. 31	Jan. 1
_____	_____	_____	_____	
Jan. 4	Jan. 5	Jan. 6	Jan. 7	Jan. 8 Gianluca's Science Wizard
Jan. 11	Jan. 12	Jan. 13	Jan. 14	Jan. 15 Lizzy's Science Wizard Spelling Test First Mad Min. Test
Jan. 18 No School MLK	Jan. 19 No School PD for teachers	Jan. 20	Jan. 21	Jan. 22 Lauren's Science Wizard

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