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Classroom News

Remember “*The Gift of a Good Book*” is due Tuesday, December 13th. Please check in with your child to make sure he or she is prepared to present this project.



Friday, December 16th is our next School Spirit Day. The theme is Color Day, and our class has been assigned to represent **light blue**. Leading up to this day is a food drive for the Wrentham Food Pantry, so please remember to send in nonperishable items.

Curriculum News



In Math, we are still working with fractions and mixed numbers. Some emphasis has been on subtraction (regrouping/renaming). Soon we'll be examining patterns (input/output functions), as we continue to sharpen our fraction sense. We are also deepening our understanding with writing equations, solving, and justifying our answers. Then a brief introduction of multiplying whole numbers before the holiday break is planned.

Please encourage your child to use *Moby Max - Math* at home. This program provides an adaptive curriculum, creates individualized plans, and allows students to progress at their own pace.



In Language Arts, we are in the midst of Literature Circles, and all groups are reading From the Mixed Up Files From Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler. Everyone is learning how to self-run their book group by taking responsibility of an assigned job which focuses on a specific skill (*Discussion Director, Word Wizard, Super Summarizer, Artful Artist, Creative Connector, and Periodic Predictor*).



In Science, we are ready to begin our next unit and learn about the various kinds of energy, as well as the different transfers of energy. Then we will explore friction and work before investigating simple machines in the New Year.



In Social Studies we have started to study the Age of Exploration. We have already learned about the earliest explorers of North America, the Vikings, and now we are in the middle studying the New World and European explorers.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Holiday Auction is Tuesday, Dec. 20th

Winter Holiday Break is Dec 24th – Jan 2nd

School Resumes on Tuesday, Jan 3rd