



# The Kane Chronicle

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## Classroom News

Our next book report project, *The Gift of a Good Book*, is due Tuesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. To help keep everyone on track, the book should be read by Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. This should allow enough time to complete the project, but please keep in mind that students should be taking notes as they are reading.

The class filled their Compliment Jar for the second time this year, and their reward will be an extra recess. This date has not been determined yet.



## Curriculum News

In Math, we have wrapped up our unit with place value and decimals. We have also recently studied expressions and variables, as well as order of operations. At the moment, we are in the midst of fractions. We are exploring equivalents, estimating, as well as adding and subtracting with like and unlike denominators. We've been using manipulatives and models to help us deepen our understanding of these concepts. Finally, we continue to practice how to answer open response questions, which involves showing and explaining work, as well as justifying it.

In Language Arts, we continue to practice critical and inferential reading skills. We will also soon be starting literature circles, and we'll learn about reciprocal teaching, as well as how "we" can self-run book groups. In writing, we have completed our Narrative Unit and continue to work on answering reader response prompts.

In Science, as we approach the end of studying *Rocks & Minerals*, we will be wrapping up our discussions about soil and the changes to the Earth's surface. A common assessment on this unit will be administered shortly after the Thanksgiving break. A soil project is also due Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. As we look ahead, *Energy, Work, & Simple Machines*, is our focus during the second term.

In Social Studies, we have finished learning about the Mayas, Incas, and Aztecs. Next, we will briefly study the Vikings before launching our European Explorers Unit. Daily Geography assignments continue each week, which allow us to keep sharpening our map skills.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> is a half day and report cards are sent home.

Thanksgiving is Thursday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>

NO SCHOOL

Thursday November 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> are half days

Please remember the date and time of your scheduled 15 minute conference. ☺