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January Newsletter!

Happy New Year

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Important Dates

Jan. 18- Art in the Classroom - Art Parents please contact me for planning a Chinese New Year art project

Jan. 14- No School MLK

Jan. 28-31- Scout the Police Outreach Dog Visits

Jan. 25- January Birthday Party for Ashtyn

Backpack Reading

Please continue to have your child read aloud to you for at least 20-30 minutes every day. Talk to them about what they are reading and ask them questions to check for comprehension. If they struggle or have to sound out several words have them reread the page to help them build fluency.

Remember to send the book, reading log, and zip-lock back to school every day. This is an essential part of the program. They will reread the book or several pages to an adult here at school. Then they will be rewarded and help the class earn a group goal.

Email, write me a note, or call me if you have any questions or concerns about your child’s reading homework.

By this time of the year all students should start to blossom in their reading skills. The goal is to read smoothly, understand what we read and enjoy reading.

Keep Sending in Box Tops

More sheets will be sent home and treats given to students that fill a sheet front and back. I know if we all bring some in we can take first place this month!!

Special Units of Study

We will start our pet, veterinarian, and animal unit of study this month. We will discuss many different types of pets, have several guest speakers from the Idaho Humane Society, Scout the Police Dog and a local vet. The students will be reading, writing and speaking about first, their own pets or a pet they would like to have someday. This writing project will require a photo of their pet, a picture of an animal down loaded or taken from a magazine. This will accompany an opinion writing assignment and will be displayed in the hall. All pictures will be returned at a later date. Look for an email reminder.

Homework

Spelling and math will continue to come home on Monday in the homework folder and are due back each Friday or the following Monday. Spelling Tests are every Friday.

Classroom Needs

Healthy snacks for students who do not have a snack.

Well-rested students that are on time and ready to learn at 8:00. When students come in late it puts them behind to start their day. I know weather and traffic can be frustrating just do your best. Thx