Mrs. Hesselink’s Monthly Newsletter

December

**Teacher Notes**

\*Please remind students to bring indoor and outdoor shoes, this helps with the water in the classroom and to bring a healthy snack for snack time

\*There is a Dec. Calendar attached to this newsletter with important dates for this month - there is also a Bloomz calendar for events on the Bloomz account

\*Spelling Tests will be Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays - if 100% on Thursday students will not have to test on Friday

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**Science & Social Studies**

Science - We will begin our Physical Science Unit, learning about force and motion. Students will explore push and pull, what materials move easily verse materials that have friction, and will explore balanced and unbalanced force.

Social Studies - We will be learning about famous people who have come to Michigan and changed the history of our state. We will also learn about trade and the relationships between people in Michigan (Native Americans and Europeans)

**Writing**

\*Students will continue to learn about Informational Writing. We will be learning about organizational skills to organize information. We will research topics and become experts to teach others. Students will be learning how to create chapter headings, subheadings, and using pictures.

Cursive - Letter W, B, V, and Connections

**Math**

\* We will begin Chapter 4, learning about measuring with a ruler to the nearest inch, ½ inch, and ¼ inch, introduce line plots, and explore measuring distance and comparing mass of objects.

\*We will also be reviewing what a polygon is, learn about quadrilaterals, and rectilinear figures.

\*Students will learn how to calculate area and perimeter by playing a game, measuring and drawing shapes, and completing a rabbit pen activity.

**Reading**

\*We will review literal and nonliteral language, discussing the different types of figurative language. We will also review the meaning of unknown words.

\*In grammar we will focus on prefixes (re-, un-, pre-, dis-) and suffixes (-able, -ful, -less, -ness).

**Reminders**

\*Popcorn Friday - Dec. 6, 13, 20 $0.25 - need to have money to teacher by Thursday

\*Dec. 2-5 Book Fair from 8-10 am and 3-6 pm

\*Dec. 10-11 - Holiday House, make sure to return gift tags with envelope due Dec. 2nd

\*Dec. 11 - Christmas Program 7 pm, please arrive by 6:45 pm. We are meeting in the Strahl Theater at High School

\*Dec. 20 Classroom Breakfast - I will send a letter home about this event

\*Dec. 20 Polar Express Day - I will send home a letter about this activity

\*Dec. 20 Full day before Break \*Dec. 23-Jan. 1 No School, School Resumes Jan. 2