

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

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Events and Home- work Due Dates for *the next school week:*

Monday:

Signed Planners

Reading Logs

Wednesday:

Chapel 8:20am

Thursday:

Scholastic Order due

S.S. Unit 2 Test

Memory Quiz

End of 2nd 1/4

Friday:

No School!

Please check your child's planner *daily* and sign it weekly to see the assignments they need to be doing at home, and if they are missing any work.

New Year, New Leaf

Happy New Year!

It's great to be back to school—back with friends, back into the routine!

We jumped right back into our small reading groups. We all finished our small group novels this week, and started a response to literature. We also started a new book of the month: Dinner At Aunt Connie's, by Faith Ringgold. She is one of many African American authors we will be studying over the next several weeks, as we celebrate MLK Day and Black History month. We also have read 100 books, which means Scholastic will be donating 1,000,000 books to kids in need! What a way to give back!

We are working on a writing assessment for story-writing. We are writing a short story, which shows all of the things

we learned this year. It is amazing to see the students to excited and eager to show what they know!

We finished our Lewis and Clark timeline project, and it is displayed in the 4th grade hallway. We did a great job of visually representing the journey they made so long ago. We also started reading about Mountain Men, and other important people in early Oregon civilization. We will be finishing up this unit next week with review games and a test.

We revisited our KWL chart for weather, looking at what we **Knew** and what we **Wanted** to learn. We realized that we **Learned** a lot, but forgot to investigate lightning. We spent some time fact-finding and also got to watch a live video from the National Geographic website! We also

visited Mr. Munster this week for a lightning experiment!

Our new math unit has gotten off to a running start. We have already learned two new games, and all about extended fact multiplication. We will be investigating a lot of ways to multiply and work with large numbers. Unfortunately, after the long break, it seems our **division facts** took a downturn. **Keep practicing** those, we are using them daily!

We watched the movie, Joseph: King of Dreams this week, in order to finish up our studies about Joseph's life. We love seeing stories that show people trusting in "God's will—his good, pleasing and perfect will." (Romans 12:2b).

Homework update!

There will be no spelling next week, as we are wrapping up the end of the 2nd 1/4 with a short week. We will not have a memory quiz, but will start practicing all of the 39 books of the Old Testa-

ment.

The following week will pick up with new spelling and memory. So, be on the lookout for the 3rd 1/4 list of words, and new memory work.

Thank you all so much for working hard over the holidays on your homework packet. It was easy to get right back in the swing of things, since we kept our brains working!

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Big results require big ambitions.

-James Champy

Let us not become weary in doing
good, for at the proper time we will
reap a harvest if we do not give up.

-Galatians 6:9

Upcoming Events:

- Skating Party** on Friday, January 29th. See school newsletter for further details.
- Auction basket items due** February 8th. Our theme: Luxury Library! For more details, contact Mrs. Buuck.
- Valentine's Day Party** will be in the afternoon on Thursday, February 11th. Families welcome! More details to come.
- Field trip** to Ft. Vancouver on Friday, February 26th. Drivers will be needed. Watch for permission slip with further details.