

## Room 12

# Friday Newsletter

January 10, 2020

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## What we did this week:

- Happy New Year! We had a great first week back. As a refresher, we went over the class expectations the first couple of days back.
- In Writing we went over what we were writing about before break and continued to add details to our teaching books. Students focused in on a chapter that was still being developed before they went on to a more detailed page. Students asked themselves when editing, “Can my reader picture what is happening?”
- In Math we took our Unit 4 Assessment, and also skip-counted by 3s. Students were able to see patterns made when skip-counting by 3s. On Friday we started Unit 5 by introducing the number 1,000 and taking our Unit 5 Pre-Assessment.
- We continued discussing the role of money in Social Studies. We reviewed how people earn money. We discussed buying and exchanging money. We also learned 2 new, juicy vocabulary words - **unlimited wants** and **limited resources**. Ask your student about these words!
- Students started a new spelling sort in their new spelling group this week.

## Notes:

- Please see the P.E. Blurb from Mr. Flinn:
  - Hello Parents/Guardians,  
Mr. Flinn’s 1st-3rd grade classes participate in weekly event called the 7 Minute Class Run (a friendly class vs. class running competition).

Once a month, Mr. Flinn is allowing Parent participation to help your child's class win the 7 Minute Class Run trophy. If you'd like to participate, please make sure you fill out the volunteer form and contact Mrs. Schaefer to complete the mandated reporter paperwork. All information is on Mr. Flinn's webpage. Please email Mr. Flinn if you have any questions.

- Ms. Smetters - January 16th @ 10:30 a.m.
- **School Restrooms:** Many have you have been inquiring about the new changes in our single use bathrooms here on campus. As per State Law ("The Equitable Restrooms Act" effective January 1, 2020), all single occupancy restrooms at all public schools are to be designated as Gender-Neutral. Rest assured, that each of our single use restrooms will continue to be monitored by staff and each of the doors have the appropriate hardware to ensure complete privacy. The locker areas/restrooms in the Gaylord Nelson Gym will remain labeled as Gender-Specific as they are equipped with multiple facilities. If you have further questions regarding this new public act, please feel free to contact Mr. Zamiar.
- **Safety Issue:** As the weather gets colder, the traffic on Amos Bennett seems to increase. This creates a significant Safety Concern for our students. Please help us decrease this hazard by using the prescribed carpool procedures and not Amos Bennett Rd. to park, pick up, or drop off students before or after school. It is a significant safety hazard to our students and neighbors. If you must park to pick up or drop off your child for any reason, please do so in the school's designated parking areas. Thank you. - Tony Zamiar
- Students should have a personal water bottle at school every day to reduce the amount of in-and-out activity in the classroom.
- If your student is **absent or leaving early**, please send an email to Ms. Jensen and me so we are aware.
- The class code for Scholastic is - W92DG. If the books you order are going to be a gift, please let me know so I can put them aside so your student does not see them. The order deadline will be **Friday, January 31st**.

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## Upcoming Dates:



- Wednesday, January 15th - Early Release (1:00 p.m.)
  - Monday, January 20th - NO SCHOOL
  - Tuesday, January 21st - Kids Heart Challenge Assembly
  - Wednesday, January 22nd - Farm to Table
  - Thursday, January 23rd - NWEA Testing
  - Friday, January 24th - NWEA Testing
  - Monday, January 27th - School Choice/Peace Assembly
  - Mon. Jan. 27th - Fri. Jan. 31st - School Choice Week
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