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Mrs. Brann/Mrs. Hannon January 17, 2017

The week before last we did all the 1 minute mCLASS assessments that I mentioned in last week’s newsletter. Beginning this week, students will also be assessed on what they know about books, reading behaviors, and reading/retelling leveled books. This assessment information will be shared with you at your conference.

We also started our first science unit, Investigating Properties. Students will be using their five senses to learn about properties of objects. We will be learning about color, shape, size, length, texture, weight, and materials objects are made from. We will practice describing objects using these properties.

Important Reminders

By the end of this quarter, students should be able to:

* Count to 40 (beginning with 1 **as well as any random number**)
* Count by 10s
* Identify **ALL** capital and lowercase letters randomly
* Tell correct letter sounds for **all letters** (including long and short vowels)
* They should also be sounding out words to write that can be read by others with the correct beginning and ending sounds. The middle sound should be close, if not correct.
* Blend letter sounds (on their rollercoaster arm) to read words. They should not be stopping between sounds!

**Dates**

Wednesday, 1/18

* Book orders/checks are due!

Friday, 1/20

* Early Release 12:30 dismissal

Friday, 1/27

* Snow/Ice make up – NO LONGER A TEACHER WORKDAY!

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