# January 7,2019

#### Dates

#### Monday, 1/7

mCLASS assessments begin

K-2 Science Fair

#### Friday, I/II

Wear BLUE for respect!

### Wednesday, I/16

Book orders are due!

#### Monday, 1/21

Holiday - NO School!

#### Thursday, I/3I

Field Trip to Marbles (9:30-1:30)

#### Marbles Field Trip

Date: Thursday, January 3lst (9:30am-1:30pm)

Cost: \$11.15 (students), \$6.00 (adults)

\*\*\*PLEASE send in money ASAP if you have not done so already.\*\*\* This week's weather focus will be on how weather affects characters in stories. We will also discuss characters, setting, and main events. Students will record weather information on a weather journal entry. They will describe the weather, choose appropriate clothing, and illustrate an activity for that weather.

This week's letter focus will be Zz, Ee and Jj. Students will learn another mystery word this week. Please continue to review all the mystery words and sight words taught so far.

In math, the core group will work on comparing quantities and I more/less.

The enrichment group will work on problem solving, I more and I less, 10 more and 10 less, decomposing, and will review teen numbers..

## How can you help support us at home?

Addition to your child's daily folder: We have added a Nonsense Word Fluency (NWF) practice page to the daily folder. Students will be assessed on this skill in January during mCLASS assessments. The intent of this measure is for students to be able to read unfamiliar words. The mid-year goal for correct letter sounds is 17.

We also added a new practice page for Phoneme Segmentation Fluency (PSF), another measure that will be assessed during mCLASS assessments in January. PSF measures the students' ability to segment the sounds in a word. It has been found to be a good indicator of later reading achievement. The mid-year goal for PSF is 20.

\*Both Nonsense Word Fluency and Phoneme Segmentation Fluency are measures that have not yet been assessed

Continue to practice letter fluency and number fluency as well. You should time your child at least twice a week to see how many letters/numbers/nonsense words (correct letter sounds)/phonemes (PSF) he/she can name correctly in one minute.

#### Playground Weather Advisory

The season has changed, and it is winter, although it hasn't felt like winter recently. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and has a coat/jacket/sweater/sweatshirt for the playground.

Thank you so much for the generous holiday gifts! We really appreciate all that you did.