

Ms. Young's Classroom Newsletter

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READING

We've wrapped up our book clubs! Students will bring home their book club reflections & notes next week so that you can see some of the work they did throughout. Students have also been learning about author choices, goals, & techniques. We have now wrapped up the final lessons of Unit 1 and are practicing for the end of unit assessment.

WRITING

Narrative writing pieces have been turned in! I will be sure to communicate to you when those have all been graded & will be coming home with students (before winter break!).

Next week, we'll begin to explore informational texts in preparation for our next writing unit.



MATH

In math, we have really been practicing multiplying multi-digit numbers using both the standard algorithm and the area model. Students have also been working on estimating first to check the reasonableness of their answer. On Friday, we also started to work on multiplying with decimals!

Module 2 Parent Tip Sheet can be found [here](#)



SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES

Science -Modeling Matter

Students have been learning about atoms, molecules, substances, & mixtures. We have been using our imaginary "nanovision goggles" to think about the nanoscale - things that are too small to see with our eyes.

This unit has a lot of hands-on investigations! We have already done a chromatography investigation, a pasta model, & a fan (hair dryer) model. Through these models, books, diagrams, etc., students are able to visualize the concepts we are discussing.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

In 2nd Step, we learned about disagreeing respectfully.

Questions to ask your student:

What are some ways to be respectful when you disagree with someone? Why is it important to disagree respectfully?

During our class meetings, we have also been discussing the importance of avoiding gossip & rumors and the qualities of a healthy friendship.



December

12/4 - Math Night Registration Opens

12/7 - Art Lesson @ 12:45

12/15 - Winter Gift Drive Ends

12/18 to 1/1 - Winter Break (No School for Students)

UPCOMING EVENTS & CONTACT INFORMATION

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Full classroom calendar available on our classroom website