

News from Mrs. Jackson's Room

January 4, 2013

Happy New Year! Thank you so much for the generous gifts you gave me. The books will be a wonderful addition to our class library. You are so thoughtful.

During the month of January we are going to get back into our daily routines. We will be taking a few important tests, we will participate in the Spelling Bee, and learning a great deal of things. Some of those things will be animals, geometry, non-fiction books, and multiplication.



It is so important to keep practicing multiplication facts. If you have not made or purchased flash cards please do so.

Reading practice is also very important. It is helpful for your child to read a little bit out loud each night too. This might be 3 pages or 5 minutes whichever you prefer. Remember to read at least 20 minutes a night from books that are at the appropriate level. I will send a new book order home in February. You will be able to get a free book so look for the information in early February.



We will be completing a few very important tests this month. One of the tests is the MCA Practice Test in math. This will give the students a look at what the actual test will be like in April. It will also show me the areas each student is strong in and which ones we need to spend more time at before April.

The other tests are the reading and math MAP tests. These tests show me how much your child has learned during the year. Please post these dates on your calendar. We ask that you avoid scheduling appointments on these dates. It is also important to lessen stress on those dates by getting a good night sleep the night before, eat a good breakfast and feel confident about the test.



Dates to remember for January:



3rd- Art Masters

4th- Library Day

7th- Spelling Bee classroom written test

11th- PERK Party

Reading and Spelling Test

Library Day

14th- No School

15th- **MCA Practice test 1:15pm**

18th- Unit 5 Math Test

Spelling Bee Written Test in Library 1pm (top 10 3rd graders)

21st- Library Day

25th- Reading and Spelling Test

Oral Spelling Bee Test in Gym 1pm (top 5 from the 3rd/4th division)

28th- Library Day

Snoball Week

February 1st- Reading and Spelling Test

MAP Testing will also occur sometime in January. Please watch for a memo to inform you of those dates. We ask that you avoid making appointments on testing dates in ensure the best situation for your child. Thank you.

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