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Happy New Year Families!!

As you know, there are now new guidelines for quarantine, as well as testing. If you have questions, please reach out! If I cannot answer your question, I will find the answer and let you know!

Another reminder about our Pooled Testing program. Students can enroll at any time. Testing is done every Monday. We generally have the results back within 48 hours. The testing program helps families keep their kiddos in school, and it helps pick up positive test results earlier, at times, before symptoms are being shown. If you are interested in signing up, please let me know! I can help with that!

Students have asked for more printing time in class. I have written another Donor’s Choose Project, and it is more than 1/3 of the way funded already! We are super excited!! Our goal is to add another 3D printer to our room. Students are getting more detailed and a lot more crafty in their designs, they are choosing longer and more elaborate prints, which is great—another printer will allow more access to printing, even with longer prints! If you are interested in checking out what we are doing and helping, please check out the link below!!


We have many projects going on in the class that we are excited about! We have started a new writing piece, a personal narrative over a small moment. Students are excited to get going on this piece! We continue with longer multiplication and the beginnings of division in math. The 5 regions of the United States is our focus for the week, and we will move on to the Northeast Region next week. You will see practice maps for studying and practice as homework. There will be a map test over each region. Students will have at least 2 weeks per region and plenty of practice before each region test. We continue to work with word study and
phonics through spelling and reading and have started new books in our reading groups.

In January, we will be completing the NWEA testing once again, as well as the F&P reading tests on all students. That information will be on the next report card when it is sent. If you would like to discuss sooner, please let me know and we can connect as soon as I am done with the assessments!

Wednesday in class, we focused on the skill of listening. We learned that when we really stop and forget everything else, there are amazing things to hear, and then that makes us think, and then we realize and learn! Today, we listened to the quiet of the sleet and snow and realized what more we could hear. Students were interested and encouraged to see what more they could hear when they really stopped to listen!

I wish you the best! Be well!!
Mrs. Brewer