Welcome back and HAPPY NEW YEAR! Please remember to send your child with hat, mittens, snow pants, boots and a warm coat. We go outside for recess unless it is below 10 degrees. It is also important that your child brings shoes to change into...we don't want students spending the day in winter boots. Please give your child opportunities to zip their coat. Many of them are unable to do this task on their own...it makes getting ready for recess a real chore.

We are working on a unit on animals and their habitats. Last week our focus was frogs and this week it will be Amphibians and fish.

This week, we will learn about Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks and Ruby Bridges.

Next week we will read, and do literacy and math activities related to, the book, The Snowy Day.

In Math, we are working on Topic 7. The students are learning to subtract! These Kinders are amazing mathematicians!

In Literacy, we are now writing books. Everyone started with an I See book, “I see a _______.They are also progressing in learning more sight words and reading books with more words on a page.

We will have two different assessments happening this month. The NWEA will be done by every grade level and is done on ipads. At this level, the assessment is read to them. We will be doing this on Jan 19 and 20. One day will be Math and the other day will be Reading.

They will also be assessed using a tool called the F&P, which is a reading assessment and gives us a level. Our goal is for them to be at a level D by the end of Kindergarten.
We are also having the opportunity to have Ms. Alanna from Somerset Public Health come in the first Wednesday of each month to teach a nutrition unit. The students have the experience to try a food from the food group each lesson focuses on. Each month they are also completing a bingo board. They get to cross off a space for eating certain healthy foods and doing specific physical activities. Ms. Alanna has a prize for those who get Bingo!

Attached is a book order. It is due back on Wednesday, January 19. Please make checks payable to Scholastic. Your orders help earn points which I can use for new books for our classroom library!

Upcoming events:

1/14 Picture Retake Day
1/17 Martin Luther King Jr Day-No school.
1/22 and 1/23 NWEA testing in Kindergarten
1/26 Early Release Day-Students dismissed at 11:45.
2/9 Early Release Day: students will be dismissed at 11:45.
2/21-2/25 Vacation

_The greatest gift is a portion of yourself._ -Ralph Waldo Emerson