

February/March 2024

Happy Winter! We are wishing you all the best for the new year. The kids came back from vacation eager to learn and make 2023 a great year. They are really doing a great job! I am hoping everyone stays healthy. January was a busy month, and February will be busy as well.

Testing

Students will be testing for much of the month of January. We have Fountas and Pinnell reading tests as well as the NWEA. These tests are designed to show growth in reading and math since September. Please encourage your kids to get plenty of rest and do their best on all tests.

Math

In math we are learning about fractions. Our focus areas this month are reducing to lowest terms, changing improper fractions to mixed numbers, and adding and subtracting fractions. We have just started multiplying fractions. Many assignments, as you know, are done in class so there should not be much homework. Things are going well so far. Please feel free to encourage your child to bring home his or her math book for extra practice. We don't use the book much, but it is still a great resource. If you notice your child is struggling and you have tried to help, please let me know as soon as possible. It is important to stay "caught up" because each new skill builds on previous skills.

Science

We will be studying chemistry in science class. This unit allows students to explore with hands-on opportunities. Students will learn about mixtures and solutions, density, mass, volume, buoyancy, and much more. It's a lot of fun, but also very educational.

Student Teacher

We would like to welcome our student teacher, Mr. McConnell, to our classroom. He comes to us from U.M.F. and is doing a wonderful job working with our students. He has been teaching reading, science and math thus far. Mr. McConnell will be with us until May.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please email or call.

Sincerely,
Mr. Louder