January Newsletter

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful time spent at home with your children over the holidays! WOW! Did we get a lot of wet, but not snowy weather!!! I wish we had had some beautiful snowy weather to get out and play! It was so cold! PLEASE THINK SNOW!!!! AND STAY HEALTHY!

Just a reminder to practice all math facts including addition, subtraction, and multiplication at home. We have a small amount of time for math fact study time at school and we will be taking weekly fact tests. Any help you can give at home will definitely be a benefit to your child. They must have the foundation of these facts in order to efficiently figure and solve problems. Not knowing your facts is similar to not reading fluently. If you have a hard time reading, you have a hard time getting the meaning of what you are reading. If you don’t know your facts, figuring word problems is miserable.

Students must have jackets, hat, mittens, ski pants, and boots in order to play on the snowbanks. If not, they stay in the plowed area.

Read at homes are due on Friday.

We will be taking our mid-year NWEA tests this month. We will be able to track the growth your child has made since September. I will let you know more specific dates when I get that information. We will also be doing our annual Fountas and Pinnell reading tests.

In science, we will continue our work looking at selection and heredity. The kids have been able to apply
things they have learned about traits to activities we have
done with DNA in dogs and other animals.

Reminders:
1. January, NWEA testing. Please make sure your child is at school on time and ready with a good night’s sleep. We will begin testing first thing in the morning.
2. January 14- Picture retake day
3. January 17- Martin Luther King Day No School
4. January 26- Early Release Day

Stay Warm and play outside!!!
Mrs. Taylor