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Seahorse Team January/February Newsletter 2017

How many snow days will 2017 bring? Interesting question that we can think about and make predictions for. Happy New Year to everyone! We hope you enjoyed your holidays. In our classrooms this month, we hope to take a little time to review and revisit many of the skills/concepts we did before break and then build upon those as we move forward. Our PBIS focus continues throughout the year emphasizing that students always be respectful, be responsible and be safe.

Please check class and team web pages for homework assignments and announcements.

We will continue to include a section “Classroom Supplies Needed” as an attempt to combat the cold and flu season. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

Classroom Supplies Needed:

- Paper towels
- Disinfectant wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Tissues

Mathematics

We are working on multi-digit multiplication using the standard algorithm. This unit will culminate by students where they will design their own zoo as they consider and complete all aspects of zoo operations.

Science

We are working on our second FOSS science kit, *Mixtures & Solutions*. So far we have created and separated some solutions and dry mixtures and written about what we have observed. We will soon begin creating models that allow us to observe and explain objects and systems as well as look more closely at solutes, solvents and the process of dissolving. When time allows we will read aloud and discuss Flush by Carl Hiaasen, making science and PBIS connections whenever possible. Finally, we will continue to look at current trends and events in science using newspaper articles, Super Science, National Geographic magazines and Ted Talks.

Social Studies

We have been busy indeed as we continue our unit on Colonial America. Students are journeying through time to the New World and learning all about the trials and tribulations that the colonists endured. We

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are very excited about the projects and activities that are to come.

ELA

All classes will continue to work on 6 traits in writing with emphasis on ideas, organization and conventions. Students will be immersed in a number of writing activities as we continue to respond to various forms of literature. We will be diving in and reading a variety of informational texts and will soon start a whole classroom narrative. Through this reading, students will explore and develop their comprehension skills by making predictions, building background knowledge, forming opinions, visualizing, making inferences and connections. Students will continue to collaborate in groups and will be using higher order questioning to build depth of knowledge through text discussion and deepening comprehension through text analysis. In regards to word work, we continue to look at vocabulary that connects with the content/units we are studying. Students will continue to move through *Wordly Wise* as another way to strengthen word skills.

Important Dates & Events:

Jan. 1 - Happy New Year

Jan. 16- (No School) MLK Day

Jan. 10, 13, 17, 20- NWEA Testing

Feb. 14- Feb. 22- February Vacation

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Quote of the month:

*“Learn to Listen. Opportunity sometimes
knocks very softly.”*

– Life’s Little Instruction Book