January 7-10, 2020

Science News

This Week in Mr. Van's Class

* I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday break! I'd like to thank all of you for the wonderful gifts I received during the last week of school. Your thoughtfulness and kindness got my holiday season off to a great start. This is going to be a busy month, so please check all teacher newsletters/calendars as you receive them.
* Please remember that we're going to the Nature Science Center on Tuesday. Students need to wear their class t-shirt, bring a bagged lunch and drink, and have a decorated jug for shell collecting.
*Don't forget to print a copy of the refrigerator calendar for your child to use all week long!

Keep Up with Homework and Other Updates!

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Snacks and Water

We typically have a "working snack" at about 10:00. Please send a snack that can be eaten with one hand without making a mess. Students are encouraged to bring a personal water bottle to use throughout the day.

Upcoming Events

January 6th: Teacher Planning Day-No School
January 7th: Field Trip to Marine Science Center
January 20th: Martin Luther King Day – No School
January 21st: Field trip to library (Martha Washington)
January 29th: Early Dismissal

January 7th Field Trip

We will visit the Marine Science Center the day we return from Winter Break. Students should wear their school shirt, and bring a sack lunch, drink, and decorated plastic jug for shell collecting.

Homework Concerns

Homework is an important part of our learning in 5th grade. Students who choose to ignore homework assignments, in addition to having a low homework grade, are likely to score lower on quizzes and tests. It is important for students to continue the habit of completing these assignments throughout the year. If you notice an asterisk on FOCUS in your child's grade, it's because that assignment hasn't been completed. Please encourage your child to complete all his/her homework assignments.

This Week's Work in Room 214

Science: Benchmark Testing
Social Studies: Chapter 4, Lesson 1: A Northwest Passage

Refrigerator Calendar
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	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Math	*Due Monday, January 13:* 45 minutes of i-Ready				
ELA	*Due Monday, January 13:* i-Ready lesson on RL2.5, Understanding the structure of a poem	*Due Friday, January 10:* Are Speedos Too Speedy? ; Achieve 3000 Revising/Editing- A Comma, a Comma, and Another Comma	*Due Friday*: All opinion essays (if not turned in prior to the break)		Benchmark Testing
Science			Benchmark Testing	Benchmark Testing	
Social Studies	*Due Friday:* Read Chapter 4, Lesson 1: Define vocabulary, write summary, find 6-8 bullet points				Quiz on Chapter 4, Lesson 1
Other		Field Trip to Nature Science Center			
Resource (B) **Lunch:** Brothers 12:35-1:05 Van/Taylor 12:37-1:07			Van: STEM Taylor: PE Brothers: Music	Van: Music Taylor: STEM Brothers: Library	Van: Art Taylor: Brothers: STEM