

# Newsletter

## December 17th, 2015

# Happy New Year!

## Thank You

Thank you so very much for your "My Sister's House" donations. AND... a big thank you to our very special moms who helped us deliver the goods and share a wonderful experience at the shelter.

Many thanks to our great moms who hosted our terrific Winter Holiday Party! The food was yummy and the games were quite entertaining. What a great way to start the holiday season!

## Updates, Reminders, & FYIs This Week

- ✓ Monday - No School - Faculty In-Service
- ✓ Tuesday through Friday is A through D Days.
- ✓ Friday - Founder's Day Chapel

The "Papers to be Signed and Returned" form was not sent home on the 17th.



Please visit the Scrapbook on our class website for some great pictures throughout the year!

# Here's What We Are Studying

## Math

Unit 6 will be wrapped up this week. We have three more lessons and the reviews. The students need to be able to:

- \*Explain how to use parentheses for a given problem
- \*Solve a division story problem and interpret what to do with the remainder
- \*Construct specific types of angles
- \*Use latitude and longitude to locate countries
- \*Write remainders as fractions
- \*Measure angles
- \*Plot and label points on a coordinate grid
- \*Use parentheses to make true number sentences
- \*Round large numbers
- \*Explain why an angle story problem is/isn't correct

## Writer's Workshop

### Focus: Research/Document Based Information Writing

Mrs. Ivey and Mrs. Mracek showed the students how to use the site RefMe for citing their sources. Research should have been completed by now. We will turn our focus to prewriting. The next step is for me to model how to chunk out the subtitles/information that goes together by synthesizing the research information. From there, the students will "box and bullet" their paragraphs. The article must be typed before it is completed using Pages.

**Word Study** - Sort 8 will be provided on Tuesday.

**Weekly Writing** - The focus will be on prewriting, as explained above. After all prewriting is completed in notebooks, writers will be OK'd to start typing their articles.

## Reader's Workshop

Our new genre study is about social issues. The students will be reading, discussing, and writing about a variety of issues. New book clubs will be established. We will be examining a variety of current issues, as well as colonial period perspectives and problems.

## Social Studies

This week, we will kick off our new unit called, "Making the Thirteen Colonies." The colonies will be divided into the Southern, Middle, and New England regions. We will explore the history and the unique personality of each colony. Through the investigation of a variety of texts and videos, we will bring this period of history to life!