



December News



Mrs. Iaffaldano's Class Newsletter 2021-2022

Important Info/Reminders

Check out our class website <http://mrsiaffaldanoclassroom.weebly.com/>

Upcoming Events

12/20 Picture Retake Day
12/22 Gingerbread House Making
12/23 Virtual December Event and Class Party
12/23 Early Release Day
12/24-1/3 Winter Break

A Look at Our Learning

Reading Workshop – Strengthening our nonfiction reading strategies will continue through the month. We are experts on text features, text structure and how to find the main idea and key details on nonfiction text. We will also be focusing on the skills to answer questions with support from the text. Students will use the R.A.C.E. format to help them successfully answer questions. R.A.C.E. stands for R - Restate the question, A - Answer the question in your own words, C - Cite evidence from the text to support your answer, E - Explain the ways the evidence from the text supports your answer.

Writer's Workshop – We are continuing our work with Persuasive writing. Students have put so much effort in collecting strong opinions! We will work on the structure of a persuasive essay with powerful reasons to support the topic and decide what product will best suit the topic (letter, speech or advertisement). After drafting, revising and editing, we will share during our writer's celebration.

Mathematics – Students have worked really hard with the Regrouping unit. We will review and test when we return from winter break. It's important that we keep the students actively using these skills in real world situations (ex: shopping, solving addition and subtraction problems).

Science – Our science skills are strong as we have been learning about the water cycle, weather, climate, and tools. We will continue our work with Weather and Climate as we take all of the knowledge we have learned to research a type of severe weather. Students will use their research to develop an online project that highlights their learning.

GREAT topics to ask your student about...

1. What are the ingredients that make up a strong persuasive essay?
2. How do good readers find the main idea in nonfiction text?
3. How do we measure weather?

A Look Ahead

Reading Workshop – Narrative Nonfiction Unit

Writer's Workshop – The Art of Information Unit

Mathematics – Perimeter, Area and Polygons

Science – Forces and Motion

Social Studies – Lenape Native Americans