



# January News

Mrs. Iaffaldano's Class Newsletter 2021-2022

## Important Info/Reminders

- Happy New Year! I wish everyone a wonderful 2022!
- Thank you for all the holiday wishes and **generous gifts**.
- THANK YOU for hanging in there with remote learning and supporting the kiddos.
- Make sure you read and follow Superintendent Feder's emails and announcements.

## Upcoming Events

1/3-1/14 Early Release Remote Learning  
1/17 No School – Martin Luther King' Birthday  
1/26 Early Release – School Planning

## A Look at Our Learning

**Reading Workshop** – We will be finishing up our Nonfiction unit this week. We will begin exploring the world of Narrative Nonfiction, which is an interesting combination of both story and facts. This type of genre has both information and ideas. The characters in the story can be people or animals. You can also find text features throughout narrative nonfiction selections.

**Writer's Workshop** – The Art of Informational Writing unit is a structured and expert-based project. During this unit, students will learn a handful of qualities of strong informational writing. Students will learn to write introductions, organize information, and include text features that help their readers. Students will also be taught many different ways to elaborate on their topics through the use of facts, definitions, and other important details, but also through the use of descriptions and anecdotes. Our end product will be a well crafted chapter book on his/her expert topic.

**Mathematics** – We will review and test for our Regrouping and Rounding unit early next week. Our next math unit is All About Area and Perimeter. Students will recognize area as an attribute of two-dimensional regions. They will measure the area of a shape by finding the total number of same-size units of area required to cover the shape without gaps or overlaps. Students will understand that rectangular arrays can be decomposed into identical rows or into individual columns. By decomposing rectangles into rectangular arrays of squares, students connect area to multiplication, and justify using multiplication, and justify using multiplication to determine the area of a rectangle. Students will also recognize that perimeter is an attribute of plane figures and will diminish between linear and area measures.

**Social Studies** – We are reviewing and testing for our Weather and Climate unit at the end of next week. Then we will begin our Lenape Native American unit. This group was the indigindous people of this area. Students are learning about the culture, as well as similarities/differences of the Lenape ways of life compared to ours. We will also take a look at the first immigrants to the "new world" during the days of the Lenape Native Americans.

## GREAT topics to ask your student about later in the month...

Explain the characters in the novel Because of Winn Dixie?

What was the most important thing to the Lenape people?

How do we answer questions with R.A.C.E?

What is your topic for your chapter book? What are your subtopics? How are you organizing the chapter book?

### **A Look Ahead**

Reading Workshop – Characters Into Meaning Unit

Writer's Workshop – Literary Essay

Mathematics – Multiplication and Division Revisit

Science – Forces and Motion