

# December and January Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a fantastic Holiday and Happy New Year! Thank you to all who showed up for our Sing-Along with Mrs. Vaccacio's Class. The children did a great job and worked very hard! It was a fantastic beginning to the Holiday Season!

In December we completed Theme 6 that focused on using fix-up strategies. The Home Connection paper for Theme 6 will help you help your child with this strategy. In January we will be completing Theme 7. Theme 7 works on the strategy Synthesizing. Once again the Home Connection paper will help your child with this strategy. We will be starting Theme 8 shortly. Look for the Home Connection paper to help with the strategy Monitor Understanding. As always, read to your children and have them read to you.

In math we started Unit 2 – Addition and Subtraction of 2-Digit numbers with and without regrouping. The children have done a wonderful job with this skill however some of them still don't know their facts. At this point in the year they should not be using their fingers. Please practice the math facts with them as much as possible.

In spelling we have worked on the following word families – ( are, ore, ire, oom, ew, au, aw, awn, alk , and all). In Theme 8 our word families will be ( ood, ook, ank, ink, and unk ). Don't forget when studying for their tests on Friday, they should review the previous units as those words will appear on their sentence dictation test.

In writing we are still focusing on writing a good paragraph with a topic sentence, supporting details, and a closing sentence. We have also discussed how stories have a beginning, middle and end; and what should be included in these parts of a story.

In social studies we learned about the 7 continents and 5 oceans. For the Holiday season we discussed different countries and on which continent they were located. Our hope is for Peace on Earth! We also studied the states and are working on our state reports. Martin Luther King will be discussed and the things that he was able to accomplish.

In Science we started Habitats. We will discuss the characteristics of the Polar Regions. We will also discuss the plants and animals that live in those regions.

The year is going so fast! I can't believe we are in January already! We have many exciting things ahead of us.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, call or e-mail me at ( [mmilde@roxbury.org](mailto:mmilde@roxbury.org) ).

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

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