



# January Newsletter

## Happy New Year!

### from the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers!

## January's Focus

### ELA

This month we are focusing on determining the meaning of general, domain specific words using context clues. Students read a sentence or a story and determine what specific words mean, based on clues given in the sentence. They will also focus on distinguishing their point of view from that of the author's. You may use these questions to help your child.

- What is the speaker's point of view?
- How is your feeling about \_\_\_\_ in the story different from the author's?

### MATH

Students are learning different strategies to divide. They are taught to use related multiplication facts to divide. In addition, fractions will be introduced. They will learn equal parts of a whole, fractions on a number line and how to relate fractions and whole number.

## REMINDERS!

Make sure your child completes their weekly 45 minutes of reading and math on I-Ready. In addition, they should read daily for at least 20 minutes.

### SOCIAL STUDIES

Students are learning about the physical features of Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean. They are also learning about the customs, culture and celebrations of these countries.

### SCIENCE

Students will learn about light and heat. They will investigate, observe and explain that things that give off light, often give off heat.

#### Helpful Questions:

- Can you think of something that gives off light?
- What does it feel like to touch things that give off light?

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
<b>7</b> No School	<b>8</b> School Resumes	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>21</b> No School	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Report Cards	<b>31</b> Literacy Night	