

Friday, December 05, 2014

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving as we now move into the holiday season. I still cannot believe it. Where is this year going?

Just a few things...

- If you have not turned in your Deep River Reading Logs. I must have them on Monday, December 8, because I have to send them to the Lake County Parks Department office.
- Students should be keeping up with their AR reading logs, which are in their binders. This will hopefully help them to keep track of their progress.
- We did not have library this week due to schedule changes out of our control, so please make sure your child has a book to read during in-class self-selected reading time.
- Our reading quiz and vocabulary/word skill quiz for Ramona Quimby, Age 8 will be on Monday, December 8. The students have had these lists since before Thanksgiving. The word lists are also posted on our weebly website.
- "This is Our Story" is on Monday night, December 15, in the high school gym at 7:30. If you have never been, you should go. It is amazing how many musical students we have across the district. Our fourth and fifth grade choir students will be singing. The music is sure to put you and your family into the Christmas spirit.
- Just a reminder- with the weather getting colder and the kids wearing more layers, please make sure their belongings are all labeled. Things get quite disheveled in the hallway, and hats, gloves, mittens, and boots can easily get "lost". Also, a sweatshirt or sweater for the classroom would be a good idea- we either freeze or sweat.
- We will be conducting a hat assembly-line experiment, so lots of newspaper is needed (no advertisements or supplements). Please send in what you can over the next week. Thanks in advance.
- In math, we continued to practice our money skills (including counting back change) as we solved authentic word problems. We also created temperature line graphs to compare the average high temps. of Valparaiso, Skagway, AK, and Mesa, AZ. Using the calculator to find the average high and low temperature was a challenge. We will create another line graph for the average low temps. In our number corner we have also begun practicing elapsed time to the minute, this is always a challenging skill for the kids. Home practice is encouraged.

Enjoy the beginnings of December