



### Important Dates:

- December 4 - Progress reports sent home
- December 8 - No band or choir
- December 10 - No band
- December 17 - PBIS Celebration: Bubble Gum Blowing Contest;
- December 18 - Classroom parties 1pm; Early dismissal 2pm
- Dec. 21-Jan. 1 - Winter break
- January 4 - School resumes
- January 14 - 10 AR quarter points due

### Updates

#### Important Mid-Year Reminders

We are reaching the end of second quarter, which means routines are smooth and the flow of the year is solidly underway. Here are few important reminders for students and parents:

-All students are expected to have a functioning calculator. If you cannot provide this, please contact Ms. Brown or Mrs. Grodsky.

-Please make sure planners are signed EVERY night.

-If homework is requested and given early for a planned absence, please make sure ALL of it is completed upon return. The late homework policies and penalties remain in effect.

-Please check with your child to see if he/she needs any

school supplies, such as pencils, paper, or a new supply of deodorant.

-Now that it is winter, please review with your child how to get home if we are dismissed early due to bad weather.

#### AR Points

Please help remind your child that AR points are due by the end of the quarter, January 14. Their goal is to earn 10 points. Novels read as a class are not part of that goal. These are also *in addition to* what they earned for first quarter.

#### Winter Celebration

Our class holiday parties are scheduled for the afternoon of December 18 at 1pm. Please contact your child's teacher or room planner for additional information about gift exchanges.

#### Student Council

The bake sale was a huge success! We raised \$440 for the Jayden DeLuca Foundation, which is dedicated to raising money for research to help save children suffering from cardiac diseases.

Student Council will be selling candy cane candy grams. Look for more information soon!

Elections for next semester will be held after break. Students must have a B average to run for Student Council and then maintain that average or higher while in office. Students must also be responsible for turning homework in on time. If there are not enough students running for council, those that participated in the fall may run again.

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### What's Coming Up In December

#### Language Arts:

Grammar: pronouns, adverbs, and prepositions

#### Math:

Continuing graphing; central measures of tendency; continuing review of basic facts

#### Social Studies:

Fight for independence, Revolutionary War

#### Science:

Ecosystems/biomes, cycles, biome project

#### Reading:

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Continuing with story elements; continuing "12 Powerful Words" such as compare and contrast

#### Art:

Working on drawings/designs for Favorite Memory Paintings, hopefully many will be painting soon

#### PE:

Fitness and Christmas activities

#### Challenge:

Immersed in China unit, students have learned a few Chinese words and numbers, highlights include the Great Wall and the terra-cotta soldiers

#### Band/Choir:

No band or choir December 8 and no band or lessons December 10