

January 10, 2020  
Homework Packet #14

Dear Parents,

I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday! Now that we have had some time to relax and rejuvenate, we can dig in for some more learning this year.

I have been having a wonderful time seeing and catching up with your children. We are having a few problems acclimating to the class expeditions after the break. Please speak with your child about excessive talking and interrupting each other and me. They need to remember that they are here to learn first, and socialize during lunch and recess.

The week of January 13<sup>th</sup> will be very busy. The entire school is taking the MAP test. Last September we were supposed to take the first test of the three part series of tests for this school year. Because of the ransomware, the children were unable to take the first test. This will be the second test of the three-part MAP series. In order to help your child be successful on the test, please make sure your child is well rested and has a good breakfast. Please talk with your child about the importance of trying his/her hardest. Your child should take his/her time and think through each problem. We will be taking the reading test on Monday, Jan. 13 at 9:00 and the math test will be on Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 9:00. All of the students that meet their performance goal will be participating in an all-school MAP party.

In math we have returned to multiplication. In reading our comprehension focus is questioning while reading using why, what, where, who, how, and cause and effect. In integrated reading we are working on pattern and adaptations. The children will be able to demonstrate the pattern of how animal anatomy/behaviors relate to their survival, as well as how people adapt to their environments (i.e., culture and communities).

Thank you to everyone who sent in bags for my book bag project!!! We have enough bags!! The kids started using them on Monday. We, in fact, received more bags than we needed. I am going to try to send back home the extra bags we didn't need. I am going to try to rely on the memories of your children, and ask them which bags they brought in to school. If your child brings home a bag that doesn't belong to you, please just send it back to school. If you particularly would like one of your bags back (and we are not using it), send me a note and I will return it.

*Kids A-Z*, a website that the children can access at home, is finally up and running. *Kids A-Z* has thousands of leveled books and resources in printable and digital formats, and is available in English and Spanish. The children have used it all week at school. I am sending home the log in information with this note.

Please remember that there is a non-fiction book due on January 31, 2020.

Have a great weekend!

Thank You, Betsy Burgoyne