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January News



Hello parents and caregivers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to Chase! A few notes about this month's happenings:

Important Date(s) This Month

-Monday, January 15: No school, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Reading News

-We are continuing our unit on story elements, reviewing character, setting, and events and moving toward discussing key details as well as problem and solution in literary writing and other forms of narrative-based media. Students are enjoying adding visuals from their favorite movies, TV shows, and video games to our story elements posters for reinforcement of the major concepts.

-In our guided reading groups, we continue to work with patterned text and skills including phonological awareness, letter/sound recognition and correspondence, segmenting and blending words, and broad phonics rules: silent 'e,' short and long vowels, common affixes ('-ing,' '-un') consonant digraphs ('ch') and blends ('bl,' 'scr').

Math News

-Across our various groups, we are currently working on recognizing flat and solid shapes, positional words ("above," "below," "next to," "behind"), mixed addition and subtraction, rounding to the nearest ten and hundred, and a variety of place value skills. Students have enjoyed playing a new game, "Don't eat the fact!" as a way to reinforce solving addition and subtraction problems.

Homework

Students will continue to receive weekly homework packets with nightly parent initials requested. On short weeks or during testing periods, students will not receive new leveled readers and will review previous texts and read for fluency as applicable during guided reading groups.

With warm regards,

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