Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break!

In reading this week, we continued to discuss informational text and common features, focusing on “How To” books and sequencing using transition words. We have been practicing our sentence writing and reading leveled texts. We also reviewed high frequency words and identifying the middle sounds in words. We have started end of the term assessments and will begin reading QRI assessments. Please be sure your child is reading to you each evening. Remember, by now, your child should recognize all twenty-six upper and lowercase letters, all thirty-one sounds, and a minimum of seven sight words (although we have worked with all of them).

In Math, we applied what we have discussed about sorting/classifying and have been practicing addition within five. Please be practicing number facts (addition and subtraction) with your child. Ask your child about our number fact challenge. Continue to work on counting to 100, number recognition to 20, subitizing to 10, and number facts within 5. If you need number fact sheets, which were given out at the beginning of the year and at parent conferences, please let me know.

In Science, we discussed the four seasons and common weather changes we observe and how to adapt to them. We also discussed the water cycle.

**Reminders:**
- January 13th: Book orders are due
- January 16th: No School; Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 17th: End of Second Grading Term
- January 18th: Noon dismissal
- January 23rd: Career Day
- January 27th: Noon dismissal

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me! Thank you for all you do to support your child’s education!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. Nicklin and Mrs. T. Maust