

Mrs. Crumrine's Newsletter

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Important Dates!

* Dec. 10 - $\frac{1}{2}$ day
school improvement

* Dec. 16 - Holiday

Program @

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* Dec. 18 -
Gingerbread Math

* Dec. 23 - Early
Dismissal - 2:30

Dec. 24 - Jan. 5th -
Holiday Break

Multiplication Facts

Multiplication facts are very important at the fifth grade level and in middle school. Our students are working hard to learn all of their facts before the holiday break. Each fifth grade student has made a set of flash cards and they should be practicing them every night. Please be reviewing these flash cards with your student every night. We will be working on them in class as well, so please make sure that your child transports them back and forth to school. They will be taking a five minute timed test over 100 problems on December 22nd. I know that they all will do great! Keep practicing!

The End of the Second Quarter

The end of the second quarter is quickly approaching. At the end of the quarter, we take two different extended response assessments. One is a math extended response and the other is in reading. We also will be taking a writing assessment. The students have been working on these skills all year, and they are prepared to take them. As a result of these assessments, students will not be having homework on the days that the assessments are given.

Holiday Gift Exchange

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Student Focus:
*I am able to
understand what I
read and share my
own thoughts.*

What We Are Learning This Week!

Reading - This week we are finishing our thematic unit. We are reading *The Iditarod Dream*, and *Me, Mop, and The Moondance Kid*. *The Iditarod Dream* is a non-fiction piece about a 14 year old sled dog musher, and our second story is about a boy and his dream of playing baseball. Please be looking for assignments about these two stories all this week.

Math – We are working on area and volume this week. The formula for area is length times width, and the formula for volume is length times width times height. The students have been working hard on using these formulas and finding the area and volume. If you draw a 3-d figure for your student, they will be able to tell you the volume and area of the base.

Spelling – This week we have 40 words. We will have our pretest on Thursday and our test on Friday. The words for the week are: 1. Weekend 2. Hawk 3. Flair 4. Stir 5. First aid 6. Halt 7. Royal 8. Carve 9. Worth 10. Hurl 11. Up-to-date 12. Noisy 13. Soar 14. Barge 15. Steer 16. Wildlife 17. Coward 18. Gorge 19. Return 20. Smear 21. Brother-in-law 22. Thousand 23. Tore 24. Early 25. Pearl 26. Test tube 27. Launch 28. Snare 29. Perch 30. Wheelchair 31. Extraordinary 32. Announce 33. Loiter 34. Marvelous 35. Yearn 36. Self-assured 37. Somersault 38. Ordinary 39. Emergency 40. Dreary

Science – This week we are studying weather. We are working on cold fronts, warm fronts, what causes weather patterns. Be looking for weather related projects to be coming home this week.