

December Newsletter

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Important December Dates:

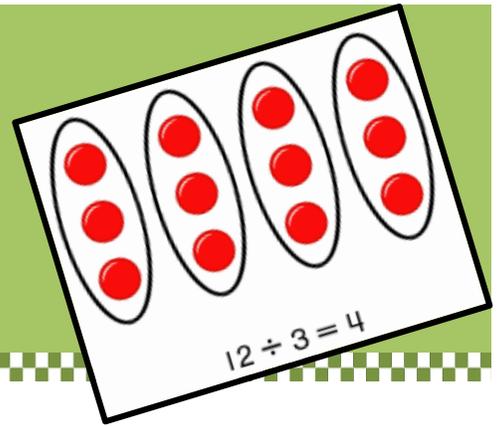
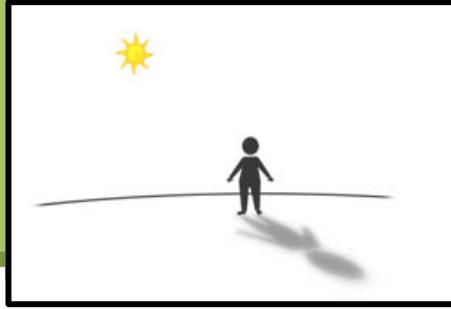
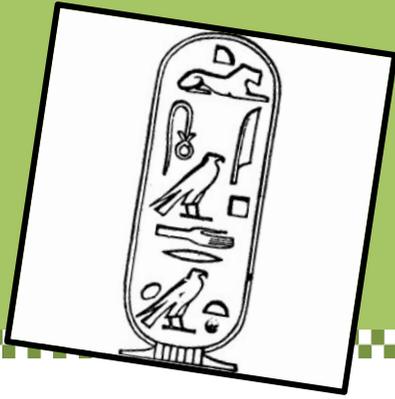
- 12/1 Steering Meeting 6:30-8:00 pm
- 12/3 Read with the Blue Devils
- 12/10 Early Release 1:30 pm
- 12/12 Forest View Chorus
Performance 2:45-3:15 pm
- 12/19 Spread the Peace School Spirit
Day, wear tie-dye clothes
- 12/22-1/2 Winter Break



What we are learning this month:

We are continuing our unit on Ancient Egypt and will be focusing this month on mummies, pyramids and hieroglyphics. We will even learn how to do a little bit of reading and writing in hieroglyphics before winter break! Check out our class website for activities, information links, and games to play at home. Please let me know if any links you try at home stop working so I can remove them from our site. In literacy we are focusing on the cause and effect text structure. We are reading various non-fiction texts and exploring how to decide what is a cause and what is an effect.

Have a wonderful winter break!



Math and Science

In math we are continuing our unit on multiplication and division. We spend a lot of time in class discussing how multiplication and division work, and only start memorization of facts after students have a deep understanding of the concept. Students take a timed weekly multiplication test because it is important they can solve facts quickly and accurately. Facts are assigned in a logical order that makes sense to students. The order for fact tests are: 0, 1, and 2 together.

Then 5's, 10's, 11's, 9's, 4's, 3's, 6's, 7's, 8's and 12's each on their own. The Friday tests are 5 minutes each and have 50 problems. Students make flash cards on Monday morning and practice daily in the classroom. They are allowed to take their cards home to practice, but **MUST** have them in class the next day. I have several multiplication games linked on our math page that can be played on tablets, phones or computers. Students are able to go on to the next fact when they correctly solve 45 of the 50 problems. If you have questions or concerns,

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In science we are continuing our unit on the Earth, Moon and Sun systems. We will be focusing on shadows on the surface of the Earth and understanding why shadows change throughout the day. We will then be learning about the Earth from the core to the surface including the various land features (island, cavern, valley, etc.) as well as the salt and freshwater features. Please check out our website for activities, learning links, and more! —Ms. Brinkley