

# NEWS FROM ROOM 15

I've failed over and over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed. –  
Michael Jordan

## Dates to Remember

Holiday Party  
-Thursday, December 17

Holiday Recess  
-Monday, December 17 -  
Friday, January 1

Skating Party  
-Monday, January 18

Staff Basketball Game  
-Friday, January 22

Mid-Winter Break  
-Wednesday, February 17 -  
Friday, February 19

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## Holiday Happenings

I wanted to remind everyone that our party will be on Thursday, December 17, at about 3:00. Please have your child bring in a gift any time next week before Thursday. Boys need to purchase a gift for a boy, girls for a girl, with a price range of \$300 - \$5.00.

We have a very busy week next week. In addition to our Holiday Party, we will be doing another Project Based Learning Activity about Christmas Around the World, making a Christmas craft, and writing friendly letters to friends at Sunset Manor.

Because of how busy we will be with all of the extra activities, there will be no spelling or vocabulary next week. We will resume spelling and vocabulary when we return from our Holiday Break.





## Reading

We continued learning about the plot of a story in reading. We read a variety of stories and mapped out the problem, important events, and solution. Next week we will be working on a PBL reading unit about holidays around the world. With a two week break coming up it is SO IMPORTANT that your child continue reading at home. We will be doing benchmark testing right after we come back from the holidays.

## Writing

We have started a new unit on essay writing. We have been analyzing essays looking to understand their structure before we begin coming up with ideas to write our own. Next week we will be taking a break to write Christmas letters, but we will resume our unit on writing personal essays when we return from our holiday break.

## Math

In math this week we have been working hard on multiple step story problems, using all four operations. These problems require careful reading and understanding of what the problem is asking in addition to understanding the mathematical process. We will continue to review these problems throughout the year.

Please remember to keep your child working on Reflex Math. Knowing math facts well will be a huge help as we move into more difficult problems.

## Social Studies

We are close to wrapping up our Social Studies for the year. We are currently researching a state of our choice to work on a project about it. We should finish those projects next week. When we return from our Holiday Break we will be starting Science with Mrs. Scholma.



