

NEWS FROM ROOM 15

The great aim of education is not knowledge but action.– Herbert Spencer

Dates to Remember

- Holiday Program
-Wednesday, December 9
- Spelling and Vocab Test
-Friday, December 11
- Holiday Party
-Thursday, December 17
- Holiday Recess
-Monday, December 17 -
Friday, January 1
- Staff Basketball Game
-Friday, January 22

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Holiday Party

The Holiday Party will be here in two short weeks! Some amazing parents are planning a fun party for our students. There will be a gift exchange. We are asking all the boys to buy a gift for a boy and girls to buy a gift for a girl. The price range is from \$3 - \$5. Your child can bring the gift in to school during the week of December 14. Also, we could use some additional help with food items for our party. If you are able to contribute, please e-mail Mrs. Essenburg.

Mitten Tree

I wanted to give everyone a quick reminder to consider donating to Pinewood's Mitten Tree. The link is in the weekly e-mail.





Reading

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This week in reading we learned about the plot of a story, and that a plot starts with a problem, and then has important events that lead to a solution. We read a variety of stories and identified the problem, events and solution. We will be comparing similar plots next week, and responding in writing as we compare the stories.

Writing

We are finished our second personal narratives this week. It is exciting to see the students using descriptive words, strong verbs, figurative language, and expanding their thoughts. We will be moving next week into a new writing unit, writing a personal essay. We will be writing a variety of essays, including a narrative essay and a persuasive essay. We begin by next week by learning what an essay is, and how an essay is structured.

Math

We worked this week on a variety of multiplication strategies. We looked at how looking at patterns help us solve multiplication problems. We learned how to multiply by multiples of 10's, and we worked on solving multiple step story problems. Next week we will continue working on story problems, and also work on pre-algebra concepts such as showing equalities and function tables. We will continue our multiplication time tests every Thursday.

Social Studies

We have finished our study of the regions of the United States! For the next few weeks we will be working on a project comparing Michigan to a state of our choice. We will be looking at the similarities and difference between Michigan and the state that we chose and create a project from what we have learned. When we come back from our Holiday Break we will be starting Science with Mrs. Scholma.

