

NEWS FROM ROOM 15

The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today. – H. Jackson Brown

Dates to Remember

Thanksgiving Recess
 -Wednesday, November 25 -
 Friday, November 27

Holiday Program
 -Wednesday, December 9

Holiday Party
 -Thursday, December 17

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

Staff Basketball Game
 -Friday, January 22

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Thanksgiving

It was such a pleasure talking with everyone during parent teacher conferences. If there is ever anything you wish to discuss, please don't feel you have to wait until the next conferences in March. I am available any time. Also, with a nod to the holiday next week, I wanted to share my incredible gratitude for the privilege of spending my days with your children. Every day they inspire me, challenge me to continue to be a better teacher, and remind me of what's important in life. I want to wish all of you a fun and relaxing Thanksgiving holiday.





Reading

This week in reading we worked on some higher level reading strategies to stretch our thinking. We worked on reading two texts on a similar topic and writing a paragraph about both using evidence from each text and citing our source. We also practiced using online dictionaries and thesauri to help us understand different shades of meaning in words. We reviewed main idea and fact and opinion. Next week we will work on Thanksgiving reading material.

Writing

We had a lot of fun in writing this week! We learned how when we think about our senses when we write and put that in our writing, it helps us paint a picture when we write. We also practiced writing the internal story—what our character is thinking and feeling—to help make our writing more interesting to read. More great writing to come!

Math

In math this week we continued exploring multiplication and division. We looked at how multiplication and division are related, wrote multiplication and division story problems, both one-step problems and two-step problems. We worked more on the different properties of multiplication, especially the distributive property. Also, any child who has an 80% or higher was moved to multiplication and division in Reflex math. We will be starting multiplication timed tests. Please check your child's Friday Folder for information about when the timed tests begin.

Social Studies

We finished our study of the Southwest region of the United States this week. Next week we look at our final region, the West. When we finish that region we will do a research project comparing and contrasting our great state of Michigan with a state of our choice. We will also be working on persuasive writing with this assignment.

