

Happy December! The shift back to remote learning has been an easier transition since we spent a month with our students in the classroom getting to know each other and building a classroom community. Our goal this month is to have remote learning be as intentional and rigorous as in-person learning.

Reading, we have been working on **Connecting Information** where students describe the connection between two events or ideas. Students can identify the main topic and retell key details of a nonfiction text. In addition, they will describe the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text.

The kids have been working hard during our daily whole group **Word Study** instruction. The focus this month are vowel teams (when two vowels go walking, the first one does the talking).

Writing: We have started our **How To Writing** unit. Students will use sequential language to give detailed directions for a task. We will be focusing on grammatical precision along with a continued focus on conventions throughout the unit.

Math: We have started **Unit 4** in **Everyday Math**. In this unit students will learn about length, measuring, and addition facts. Students will also learn how to represent data in a bar graph and how to add three numbers together.

Social Studies: We are enjoying our Social Studies unit about **American Traditions**. This is a study of the importance of celebrations and national holidays as a way of remembering and honoring people, events, and our nation's ethnic heritage.

We will continue to build our class communities during remote learning using the **Second Step** curriculum. Students are learning to identify and understand their own and others' feelings. Students will also learn how to take another's perspective and how to show compassion.

Important Dates:

PJ & Stuffy Day - Thursday 12/17

Winter Break - Friday 12/18 through Tuesday 1/5