

## Happy New Year!

### Important Dates

- 1/3 School Resumes
- 1/12 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
- 1/15 MLK Jr Day-No School
- 1/16 Teacher Workday-No School

### Reminders

- Students should be reading at least 20 minutes five days a week. They are always allowed to read more if they choose to do so. If your child needs books to read at home, please let me know!
- Several students are low on supplies. These include pencils, glue sticks, scissors, and crayons. Please ask your child if they are low. If you need help getting supplies, please let me know.
- Students go outside for recess most days so be sure to send your child with a coat to school. If you need a winter coat for your child, please let me know.



### Word Study

#### Learning Targets for January...

- I can use spelling patterns when writing words.
- I can explain the function of verbs.
- I can form and use simple verb tenses.
- I can determine the meaning of a new word with a known affix is added.

### Reading

#### Learning Targets for January...

- I can ask and answer questions using the text for support.
- I can determine the main idea and supporting details of a text.
- I can use nonfiction features to help locate information in a text.
- I can describe characters and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events.
- I can determine the theme of a story.

### Writing

#### Learning Targets for January...

- I can write an informative/explanatory essay.
  - clearly introduce the topic
  - support my topic with details
  - use transition words to connect ideas
  - provide a concluding statement
- I can use guidance from adults and peers to plan, revise, and edit my writing.