

# January Newsletter

### Reading

Students are continuing to work on determining the theme (moral or lesson) of passages read in class. Students are expected to be able to determine the theme and how it pertains to everyday living. Once we have completed theme, we will move on to comparing and contrasting passages.

### Writing

This month, students will begin problem and solution writing. After reading a passage, students will determine and then discuss the problem and solution in their writing including an introduction, supporting details, and a conclusion.

### Word Work

Students' individual spelling lists focus on Orton-Gillingham phonic concepts and red words (high frequency words). Spelling lists are given on Monday, activities to practice are incorporated throughout the week, and tests are on Friday. Grammar skills are also practiced daily using Mountain Language.

### Reading Logs

Your child is expected to complete their monthly reading log. Each month there is a set number of minutes they are supposed to read. At the end of the month, please have your child add up the minutes they have read and sign their calendars. Grades will be administered for these.

### Progress Book

The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter grading period and 1<sup>st</sup> semester will end on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Since your child is receiving letter grades this year, we encourage parents/guardians to set up an account on Progress Book and check students' grades regularly. Grades will be updated weekly.



### I Can...

- \*Determine the theme of a reading passage.
- \*Compare/contrast reading passages.
- \*Use context clues to figure out new meaning of words
- \*Apply spelling rules when writing.
- \*Spell high frequency words.
- \*Determine the problem and solution in a passage.
- \*Write about the problem and solution adding details

### Information:

We will be completing winter MAP testing on January 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure your child gets a good night sleep and eats a good breakfast the mornings of testing.

When weather permits, your child will be going outside for recess. Please be sure they are dressed for the weather.

### Contact information

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. You may call the school (937-548-2815) and leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can. You may also email us at:

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For your calendar

Jan. 11 & 12  
MAP testing

Jan. 15  
No School

Jan. 16  
No School/Teacher workday

Jan. 29  
No school/in-service day