

Happy New Year!!!

Classroom News

January 6 - 10, 2020



We have kicked off 2020 with renewed enthusiasm and a return to the "basics" of our program - after so many special holiday activities throughout December. We have spent this week re-acquainting ourselves with our journals, Eureka Math procedures, and the more common routines of our classroom. Of course, we spent much time in discussions about our calendar.

We began on Monday by writing about our holiday vacations. We continued our writing focus by writing "resolutions" and/or goals for the new year. On Wednesday, we wrote thank-you notes to our wonderful APTA. That's YOU! We have a beautiful new, clean, colorful, and sanitary (for now!) carpet for gathering together on our floor. The old carpet had weathered 14 years of grime and bodily fluids. (I know . . . ewwww!) We are so thankful to you parents for providing a more attractive and healthier environment for our work together.

We have jumped right back into our mathematics lessons involving the following very important concepts:

- *solving story problems

- *review of time and money

- *practice to increase our "fact power" (memory for basic facts)

We have begun an in-depth study of PLACE VALUE - making numbers with "tens" and "some more."

We celebrated our much-anticipated "Halfway Day" on Thursday. Be sure to ask your child all about the fun we had doing things "halfway!"

MAPS Testing dates:

next Tuesday, January 14th - Language Arts

next Thursday, January 16th - Reading Fluency

Tuesday, January 21st - Math

***Get lots of sleep and have a healthy, protein-packed breakfast! We will test first thing in the morning on each of those days.

Don't forget that there will be no school on Monday, January 20th (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day).

Here's to a wonderful 2020 for all!!!