

January 20, 2020



Dear Parents,

I hope you had a wonderful, long weekend: -)

**Following is a glimpse of the week's activities:**

- Spelling this week is a review of the words in Units 13-17. Therefore, I am **not assigning spelling homework** this week. Instead, use the time to work on the biography report. I have opened the spelling units 13-17 on [spellingcity.com](http://spellingcity.com) for extra practice.
- MAP (math) testing on Wednesday beginning at 10:00.
- Math concepts for the week include: Geometry (2 and 3 dimensional shapes, lines, angles and vocabulary) - I am using a power point that the kids are loving - I've added it to our classroom google page (math) and recommend checking it out- In Eureka Math, we move to Lesson 7- We will learn to relate addition using manipulatives to a written vertical method. We are moving toward the method that many of us learned as children; only we are using pieces to regroup instead of crossing out numbers.
- The biographies of Ben Franklin and Wilson "Snowflake" Bentley will continue for the next couple weeks. You can find the IXL skill plan for our **Now and Ben** story in Unit 6 Lesson 30.
- In writer's workshop, we will be working on opinion writing in letter form for the next couple of weeks.
- Last week's STEM challenge was investigating the properties of Oobleck and completing a challenge to explore Planet Oobleck. WE have learned the properties of solids, liquids, and gases and are engrossed in a few experiments that are piquing our curiosity in connection to liquids and why some mix and others don't. This has led to a viscosity discussion and investigation. So far, we have attempted to mix corn syrup, coffee, and oil - We have even changed the temperature (boiled the coffee) in an effort to mix, but had no success. This week we will explore temperature and matter using ice cubes. WE are also learning a properties of matter song - Oh, dear, What Can This Matter Be? We MAY sing it during town meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> - I'll keep you posted.
- Pep Rally is Thursday at 2:00 in the large gym.
- I've attached a conference sign-up sheet and biography presentation schedule - If I need to make a change to the schedule, let me know.
- Our weekly guest readers are: Whitney Cook on Tuesday and Amanda Matter on Thursday.

**Have a wonderful week!**

**Respectfully,  
Mrs. Linda Hall**