Dear Families,  

December 2 – 6, 2019

It seems like winter has really started now! We hope the children had a bunch of outside play time in the gorgeous snow! Please make sure to label all your child’s outdoor gear as we will be going outside to play every day! Due to the winter weather cancellation on Wednesday, we will take up and do some more work to finish up our Small Moment stories this week, as well as carrying on with reading and phonics during literacy time.

Late in the week we start Unit 5 in math, so your child may have a new teacher/group. Unit 5 is on Geometry and it contains math terms that may be new to your child (parallel, quadrangle, vertices, and line segments, to name a few). Try to use these vocabulary words at home with your child when they are working on math homework or any other time when you see fit, as well as to look for 2-D and 3-D shapes in our world. The purpose of this unit is to develop classification skills through hands on activities, and has four main areas of focus: to develop the concepts of point and line segments, to identify, name, and classify polygons, to observe similarities and differences among 3-dimensional shapes, and to explore symmetry.

One of the 2nd grade social studies standards is to compare and contrast life long ago with life today. The Scholastic News this week continues this concept with Pilgrim life.

We are also going to start doing some keyboarding skills in the computer lab. We use an online program to start called Dance Mat Typing and the crazy goat who has us practicing our Home Row keys – please feel free to have your student show you how to access this great keyboarding website at https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf2f9j6/articles/z3c6tfr.

**General Information:**
- Specialist classes: PE, S, M, AI, PE
- 12/11 Public Library
- 12/13 Spirit Day MisMatch Day
- 12/21 – 1/5/20 No School Winter Break
- 1/13 Physics Force at the U of M
- 1/17 Dr. King Program 9:00
- 1/20 No School
- 1/24 No School

Best, Ms. Lee and Mr. Lor          mao.lee@spps.org