Dear Families,

Thank you so much for such a wonderful week with Mr. Adeti last week. The dancing, drumming, and connections were incredible!! This week we’ll move on from geographical and cultural learning of Ghana to a different form of social studies – learning about two influential American presidents. Both of them were born in mid-February: George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Social studies is fun for many students this age as they gain comprehension of a wider sphere of both time and space than their own immediate environment. We’ll be comparing, contrasting and connecting these two presidents’ experiences with ours, as well as making inferences. Scholastic News tells about President Washington as a leader who paid close attention and inspired others, despite awful winter weather. Good leaders need to be able to listen and infer as well as care for others and think hopefully, so in class we practice these traits.

We are in the middle stages of Realistic Fiction. We have been reading books like *Hair Love, Jamaica Tag–Along* and others to explore predictions, character development and story elements such as problem/solution. We will be using those elements to write our own Realistic Fiction piece.

Math this week will see us practicing data collection and graphing. Children will be introduced to vocabulary words like: minimum, maximum, median, mode, and range when analyzing data and graphical representation.

During art in February we are experiencing “Dress for the Occasion,” an Art Adventures program in conjunction with the MIA. Ask your child about which spirit animal they chose to create a mask inspired by the Transformation Mask. They’re having a great time analyzing and responding to various pieces of art! If you’d like to see more, the MIA has free admission and the artwork is on display at the museum. Here’s the website: [https://new.artsmia.org/programs/teachers-and-students/art-adventure/dressed-for-the-occasion/](https://new.artsmia.org/programs/teachers-and-students/art-adventure/dressed-for-the-occasion/)

**General Information:**

- Specialist classes: M, AI, PE, S
- **2/6 - 17** ReadAThon!! KEEP READING EVERY DAY! Thank you, sponsors – your support ensures programs like Mr. Adeti!
- **2/17** No School – President’s Day
- **2/18** ALL READATHON MATERIALS DUE BACK AT SCHOOL!!
- **2/26** Spirit Day – Beach Day! (no bathing suits please)
- **2/27** Ordway Theater "HerBeat Taiko Women Allstars"
- **2/28** Reading Celebration 12:45
- **3/2** Science Fair Volunteers Needed  12:20 – 1:50 and 6:30 – 7:45
- **3/4** Bell Museum Field Trip 10:00 AM
- **3/5** Scholastic Book Orders due GZR7Z
- **3/6** No School – Conference Preparation
- **3/18 & 3/19** Evening Conferences
- **3/20** Daytime Conferences
- **2nd grade website:** [https://www.spps.org/domain/237](https://www.spps.org/domain/237)

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