Dear Families,

March 9–13, 2020

It’s just delightful to welcome the sunshine and greater amounts of daylight. Hope you remembered to turn your clocks back an hour and aren’t missing that 60 minutes of sleep too much. 😊

This week in math we will end the fractions unit and move on to Unit 9. The main areas of focus for this measurement unit are: 1) review how to measure with yards and meters, 2) learn how to measure longer distances, 3) develop concepts of area and perimeter, 4) know units of weight. We will be doing a lot of hands-on activities as we work to gain a strong understanding of all these skills. Students will also have a chance to use what they learned last unit about fractions and apply that knowledge to measuring to the nearest ½ inch or ¼ inch.

We’ll be spending time this week on honing our phonics knowledge and having some solid reading time in guided reading groups and DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) time. One skill we’ll be focusing on is making three different types of connections: text-to-self, text-to-world and text-to-text. Building connections is a great way to ensure comprehension and developing brain growth!

Please review with your child how to practice effective handwashing. I’ve been noticing most of the children are doing a GREAT job at using soap plus 20 – 30 seconds of real scrubbing before rinsing. This will be reviewed at school, too, along with trying to avoid touching faces, eyes, or noses with hands. This is tough, but we will try to be as healthy as we can.

Looking ahead to conferences: please return your conference confirmation slip ASAP. There might be families who need to change their time (evenings are popular), and coordination needs to happen between translators and families with siblings. Thank you so much for all your support in each and every way!

General Information:

- Specialist classes: AI, PE, S, M, AI
- 3/11 Public Library 12:20
- 3/13 MN Wild Assembly 1:00
- 3/17, 18 or 19 Talent Show “Tryouts”
- 3/18 & 3/19 Evening Conferences
- 3/20 Daytime Conferences
- 3/27 Spirit Day! Cultural Connections or Heritage Day
  - 3/28 – 4/3 NO SCHOOL Spring Break
  - 4/10 No School
  - 4/17 Reading Celebration
  - 2nd grade website: https://www.spps.org/domain/237

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