

Weekly Gazette

~Room 17 Chooses Kind~



Weekly Greeting

Happy Monday! I hope everyone had a great weekend. This week and the weeks following are filled with learning as well as holiday fun. We will be busy working on holiday gift projects for grown-ups at home, decorating our room (today we begin a beautiful winter birch tree watercolor project), and celebrating the kindness of the season. I look forward to seeing you all at the winter concert scheduled for Monday, Dec.18th at 5PM at Hillcrest Hall. Holiday attire encouraged for students. Also, congrats to the students who participated in our kindness bingo challenge! See photo above!

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M, T, TH, F SCHEDULE

School Day: 8:15-3:05
 Drop Off: 8:00-8:15
 Pick Up: 3:05-3:20

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WEDNESDAY

School Day: 8:15-1:30
 Drop Off: 8:00-8:15
 Pick Up: 1:30-1:45

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DAY CARE

Our daycare is up and running! Please contact the office if you need more info!



Friday, December 8th: Business Day



Thursday, December 14th: Book Report/ Diorama Due



Friday December 22nd: In Class Dog Blanket Service Project and Class Celebration/ PJ Day

Book Report/Life-Size Project

This week, students are working on typing their mystery/adventure book reports. Some time is being given in class, though students may need to finish up their daily paragraph typing at home. The accompanying project for this book report is a diorama of a scene from your child's book. As mentioned before, examples can be found check on the book report section on our classroom website. **This project and the book report are due Thursday, December 14th.**



linked to today's newsletter. Any help you can give would be so appreciated!

Donations Needed Still

Each year, our 4th grade class makes dog blankets for a local animal shelter as a way to give back to our community. To make this project happen, I am in need of parent volunteers on Friday 12/21 and Friday, 12/22 as well as more donations of fleece. Please check out the sign-up sheet sent last week and

Also, please note the day/date I will be dropping off blankets to Compassion Without Borders is Saturday, 12/23. Attendance is optional. We are working on solidifying that time with the shelter and I will keep you posted as soon as I receive confirmation from them. Thanks for your patience and I hope to see families there!

WHAT ARE WE WORKING ON THIS WEEK IN CLASS?

1. **ELA:** This week, students continue our new unit that focuses on American History. We will read a story called *Ben and the Emancipation Proclamation*. Students will learn about the executive order President Lincoln signed in 1863 freeing enslaved people in the Southern states. This selection is based on a true story about a boy who grew up enslaved in South Carolina.
2. **Math:** This week, students begin learning about fractions, specifically looking at what a fraction is and how to determine if a fraction is equivalent or not to other fractions.
3. **Science:** This week and next, we will focus on our third Science Unit of the year. This unit centers around waves of sound and how sound works.
4. **Social Studies:** This week, we continue our studies of California's indigenous people. Students will be learning about the Native Californians located in the mountain and central valley regions.
5. **Homework:** This week, students will read for 20 minutes, studying their spelling words, complete their ELA packets, work on math, and finish typing up their book reports.

