



Mrs. Keeton's Classroom News

**December
1st 2016**

Over the next couple weeks our academic focuses are:

DATES TO REMEMBER

Assembly: Summer Wind Skippers	12/2
Pride Dodge Ball at Lunch for 3rd Graders	12/9
Holiday Movie Bring your own snack!	12/16
Holiday Sing Along 2:45-3:45	12/16
Winter Break	12-19 to 1-3-17

Reading/Language: Our focus in reading will be introducing Biographies, Informational Text, and reading Trickster Tales. We will be working on main idea, sequence of events, and text features. We will also will continue to build Narrative Writing skills.

Math: We are learning strategies for multiplying basic facts. We will first focus on multiplying by 1, 0, 2, 5, and 10. Then we will move into 9, 4, 3, 6, 7, 8. This will take several weeks of focus to master these facts. Please practice at home with your student to ensure their success! Mad minutes for multiplication will begin on December 5th. Each multiplication level will be tied to earning an ice cream sundae at the end of the year. Please be practicing the flash cards I send home in the "Take Home Folder." I want all students to pass each level so they feel success for working hard!

Cursive: Lowercase letters have all been taught. We are now working on uppercase letters. Keep encouraging your student to practice at home with their cursive! Studies have shown that learning and writing in cursive is extremely beneficial to the development of the brain.

Spelling: Our spelling pattern will be working on long u patterns, homophones, and diagraphs. Spelling grades have been AWESOME! Keep up the great work at home!

Book Projects: I will not pass out a book project for the month of December! I want you to rest and enjoy the holiday season! Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas!

Home Reading: On December 5th I will be sending home a Roaring Reader chart that I would like each student to be a part of. Please fill out your child's nightly reading in minutes. When your child has reached 400 minutes or above they will earn a Roaring Springs Day pass. Please return the form to me by 3/20/17!!!

Holiday Movie: On December 16th we will be watching a holiday movie and eating a snack right after lunch! I will be bringing a few of my favorite movies to school! I will let our class vote on the movie they would like to watch. On this day please have your child bring a special snack to school! I do not want anyone to feel left out. After the movie, we will be going to the gym to participate in the "Holiday Sing Along." Fa la la la la ...la la la la!

Pride Dodge Ball: On December 9th there will be a drawing for all third graders that have earned "Pride Tickets" for doing outstanding things here at Galileo. These students will be invited to participate in a third grade Dodge Ball Game! Great job students!!!

Pencils and Dry Erase Markers: Thank you so much for all of the pencils. We were completely out by Thanksgiving. In your travels, I would certainly appreciate more dry erase markers as well as a few more packages of pencils. (Thank You So Much!)

"A child who reads will be an adult who thinks."
~Anonymous