

Mrs. Gilfillan's Class News

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Happy New Year!

I hope that everyone has had a wonderful break from the school routines!

Many of the students (including me) were very sick that last week before our break. My New Year's Wish is that we can all have a fresh start with healthy teacher and students!

I have cleaned the student tables, and have put out fresh pencils and sanitizer bottles. Please help me to keep everyone healthy by reminding your child how to cough into a tissue or their sleeve, and use sanitizer or soap and water to wash their hands.

Curriculum this Week

Math

We continue to practice working with 3 digit numbers this week. Students will practice comparing two numbers using the less than, greater than, or equals signs. They will use place value drawings to prove their answer. We will continue to practice finding the total of a string of 2 digit numbers. Students will continue to practice showing numbers in word form, expanded form, and with place value drawing.

Literacy

Students will study a narrative about a paleontologist finding a fossil. We will study the story structure of beginning, middle, and ending, as well as the temporal words and past tense verbs that are in the story.

In small groups, students will study the story structure of narratives on their reading level. We will look at setting, character descriptions, their thoughts and feelings, the problem and the actions taken by the character to solve the problem.

We will study Letterland Unit 12 this week. The spelling patterns this week are <u>ar</u> and <u>or</u>.

Science

We will learn about the 3 states of matter: solid, liquid, and gas. We will investigate how matter can change from one state to another.