

The Trujillo Times
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The Week: Phew! FAIR and middle of the year testing are done! The children did such a great job this week and put forth so much effort that after our last test we just relaxed and played games. They definitely deserved it! Next week we will be back to normal, thankfully. ☺

In Science this week we continued to learn about how plants and animals respond to changes in the environment. We will be testing on this chapter next Friday.

Word of the Week: Acceptance. Being agreeable when it comes to life changes. We spoke a lot about this in morning meeting and Mrs. Egan read a book about a little girl who had to accept the fact that she had to wear glasses. Take the time this weekend to ask your children what this story was about.

Reminders:

→ There will be NO SCHOOL this **Monday, January 18**, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr's birthday. Take the time on this day to reflect on how things changed for the better due to the actions of MLK and many other civil rights activists. We've been discussing this *a lot* in class so the children should have a thing or two to say.

→ We are starting a class vs. class Box Tops competition. All Box Tops will be due by **February 19th** and bags need to be labeled with our grade level. The winning class will receive a popcorn party!

→ This week I used the rubric I created to grade your child's weekly summary. It was very obvious which children followed what the rubric was requesting and which children did not. Please be sure to **remind your child to use the rubric when writing the summary this weekend**. I want the children to become better writers, which is why I created the rubric. ☺

→ Continue to practice those basic math facts at home, especially multiplication. I will be sending home a new speed drill packet every Tuesday from now on. This packet will be due by the following Monday.

Trivia Question: Answer the following question for **10 credits!!!** Write your answer somewhere on this newsletter. Your parents may (and are encouraged) to help you.

“What kinds of animals are ‘vulpine’?”

Spelling List (suffixes *-ance* & *-ence* “state or quality of”)

abundance	advance	maintenance	balance	fragrance
coincidence	confidence	audience	evidence	experience

This section is for you! Feel free to write any questions, comments, or concerns you may have. **Please sign and return!**

Signature: _____