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**The Week:** Our first week back from the winter break has been successfully completed, though I think it's safe to say we are all a bit worn out from all the work, myself included... However, the children did an excellent job getting right back into our routine and we accomplished much this week. In Math we learned about telling time and how to find the time interval, or how much time a specific activity took. This proved to be challenging for some of the children so please be sure to practice extra at home. In Language Arts we used the 4 Square writing method to write summaries, as well as tested on author's purpose. Our next topic will be visualizing when reading. In Science we have been learning about how animals respond to changes in the environment, focusing specifically on migration. We read a book and looked up photos of many animals so please take the time to ask your children which ones we talked about.

Next week will be a very busy one. On Monday we will be taking our Middle of the Year (MOY) Math test. On Tuesday and Thursday we will be FAIR Testing and taking our MOY Reading tests. On Wednesday we will be taking our MOY writing prompts. I know it's a lot but once it's done, it's done.

**Word of the Week:** Resolution. This week we spoke about setting goals for the New Year. In class we set three goals: 1 personal, 1 academic, and 1 health-related. Then, we made goal flags which will be hung in the classroom for the remainder of the year. At the end of the year the children can look at them and see whether or not they accomplished their goals.

**Reminders:**

- Thank you to everyone who came out to our writing Parent Involvement Night last night! ☺
- Don't forget to use those reading log summary rubrics I sent home before the break to make sure your children are including everything they need in their weekly summaries.
- Keep practicing multiplication as much as possible at home!
- Now that a new year has begun, we need to know whether or not your contact info has changed.

**Please respond** below, either with a no or the updated contact info.

**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.

“Which former US president was nicknamed ‘The Peanut Farmer’?”

Spelling List (suffixes *-ful* “full of,” *-less* “without,” & *-ly* “in a certain way”)

colorless	ageless	talentless	instantly	gently
colorfully	successful	wishful	harmful	wasteful

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

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