The Week: What a busy week we had! We successfully completed three tests and moved onto our next chapter in Math, which will focus on properties and equations. We are moving onto stars next week in Science and, as I mentioned before, the children will be completing a short research project on a constellation.

With only two more weeks until Spring Break, now is the time to begin taking FSA practice tests at home. You can visit http://www.fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/ for both paper-based and computer-based practice materials. We will be practicing in class the last week before Spring Break.

Word of the Week: Mindfulness. The quality, or state of being, conscious or aware of something. We spoke a lot this week about keeping one's mind set to only one thing at a time. For example, if you are completing a homework assignment, try not to let your mind wander and only focus on the task at hand. Or, when you are doing something for fun, try not to let any worries or other things pop into your head and distract you. This is very hard to do, but we can only get better through practice!

Reminders:

→Remember that our Mid-Year conferences are scheduled for next **Thursday, March 10th.**

→Please make sure your child's folder is staying organized on a weekly basis.

→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.

→Please be sure to ask your children what they did in both Art and P.E. this week.

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. "In which country are Angel Falls, the world's highest waterfalls, situated?"

<u>Spelling List (Academic Math Words)</u>

associative property	distributive property	equation	evaluate	array
expression	operations	variable	multiply	decompose

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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