***Matts Memos***

***December 14th – 18th, 2020***

***\*Holiday Break-*** This is just a reminder that our holiday break will begin on Monday December 21st and will end on Friday January 1st. School will resume on Monday, January 4th. The math log will be due at this time. Please continue to work with those math facts over the holiday break.

***\*\*Howliday Community Project –*** This is just a reminder that HLA is participating in a Howliday project that benefits all the amazing animals at the Alachua County Animal Shelter (ACAS). The staff and volunteers of ACAS are absolutely amazing and need our help to care for the animals under their care. It would be so heartwarming to help some of our canine and feline friends that have probably helped us, as their handlers, more than they will ever understand. I will attach the link to ACAS’s direct Amazon Wishlist via email. Just to reiterate, ACAS currently has a dire need for enrichment toys (Kongs), large harnesses, leashes, and more recently bowls. Warming pads are also a big help during the cold days/nights as well as for younger animals, or the students can maybe make rice warmies with some fabric from Walmart. This would also be a wonderful craftivity for the students. You can have items shipped directly to ACAS via their Wishlist, or we have a huge box full of goodies under the drive through.

***\*\*\* HLA 3rd Grade Wreath-*** Just a reminder, each grade level will be participating in a wreath decorating contest this year. 😊 Wreaths will be completed for voting by today (12/11/20.) THANK YOU to the families that participated in getting some goodies for our wreath. It is going to be sooooooooo cool! Don’t forget, we will have families vote for their favorite wreath via social media next week (the 14th-18th ), so make sure to share the post with your family and friends and ask them to vote! 😊

***\*\*\*Math Practice-*** It is especially important that you are continuing to practice the math flashcards or activities at home (division, multiplication, addition, and subtraction)! Please continue to practice these skills over the holiday. Do not forget to fill out the math log that is located in your children’s purple folder. Please be sure to mix up multiplication, addition, and subtraction facts so we aren’t forgetting those other important facts.

***\*\*\*\*\*School Days* –** Please be sure to ask your children about the following activities from this past week: completing our reading story, completing chapter 5 in math and beginning chapter 6, beginning chapter 4 in Social Studies, the word of the week – believe, and what is going on in PE, Art (completing pointillism) and Morning Meeting.

***\*\*\*\*\*\* Tip of the week-*** The weather is getting nicer, and we will soon have two entire weeks off from school. Be sure to get out and move with your child over the break. Family outdoor games are a great way to promote fun and a healthy family.

***Spelling List***

**(there will be no spelling words next week)**

**Happy Holidays 😊**

 \*\*This section is for you! Please feel free to write any questions/comments/concerns you may have for me in this space. **Please sign and return so I’ll know you have read this newsletter.**

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