



# FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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¡Hola a todos! Happy New Year!! I hope that everyone had a fun and relaxing break! Thank you very much for the wonderful and thoughtful gifts – I enjoyed them greatly! With the New Year, we are back at work on our book project, our water unit and are starting a new math unit about place value. Our Estrella de la Semana this week was Camille Clarke, and our upcoming Estrella is: **Kennedy Williams**.

## **Bookmaking Materials**

As the final step of our book project (inspired by Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs), we will be “publishing” our books in a fun bookmaking activity next week! Students have been working hard on writing, editing, revising, typing and illustrating their stories. If you have any fabric (preferably 16” x 26” or larger), ribbons or other decorating materials that you are able to donate for our bookmaking, we would appreciate it greatly!

## **Math**

We took our Unit 4 math test this week and I saw great improvement in many students’ understanding and math scores. Way to go third graders! In order to help students stay on track with math work, they will begin taking home their math journals each Friday to finish any incomplete work over the weekend. In each newsletter, I will include the page numbers that should have been completed during class time that week. Please check whether or not your child completed the work and help him/her remember to return the journal to school on Monday, for our new work.

**\*Math journal pages that should be completed: pages 102-105**

I would like to also begin sending math tests home after we correct them in class, for families to look over. Please look over your child’s test and discuss any difficulties, then return the test to school, for use in student portfolios and keeping track of progress. Thank you!

## **Vocabulary Mini-Books**

With all of the work we have still had to do on our book project, I decided to postpone this new mini-books assignment. Please watch for more news to come on when we will start these.

## **Upcoming Events**

**January 12:** Board Meeting – 6:30

**January 18:** NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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