

January 27, 2023

Upcoming Events:

School Store- (this coming) Tuesday, January 31st at 12:40pm

Dear Parents,

I hope this note finds you and your family healthy and warm. 2023 has been rolling on smoothly, at this point.

❖ **What We Have Been Working On**

- For **morning work**, over the past two weeks, the class worked with logic problems involving colored manipulatives.
- In **social studies**, the class has continued to learn about Colonial America. We are currently looking at the three colonial regions: New England, Middle, and Southern colonies. Students have been taking notes. We will finish notetaking next week. Then students will have a week to study them, before taking the Chapter 7 test- without notes!
- In **reading**, we have been working in the new, myView reading program. We are finishing up Unit 2. Next, the class will be reading the exciting, fantasy novel, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. (I was never a fan of the movie- but I found the book to be surprisingly engaging. The fourteen book series, written between 1900 and 1920, was the “Harry Potter” of its day.)
- In **writing**, students just finished writing a personal narrative. We are currently working on a poem using couplets.
- In **math**, my math class will be starting Chapter 5 next week, which deals with computing decimals using all four operations.

❖ **Tissues and Pencils**

We are running low on both. If you did not send in a box of tissues at the start of the year, please consider sending a box in. We are also running low on pencils. The class has used about two grosses, or nearly 300, so far this year. If you can check with your child about his or her pencil supply, it would be appreciated. Thank you! 😊

Wishing you joy,
Mr. VanZant