



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!! I hope all are rested, recharged, and ready for the New Year. I know that I am, and I'm excited about all that is to come for the rest of this school year. I wanted to thank everyone again for the class gift. I do plan on making a trip soon to buy the Nook Color (yep...getting the big one :D). I am so very blessed.

The book report boxes are all so very wonderful and creative. Each student added their own personality and flare. I hope that it was a bit fun for my students to explore a story and show their excitement to the class. I know many of the students wanted to read some of the books that their fellow students read, so I am going to compile the books onto one list. I will have that out to you as soon as I can. I am very proud of all of my students; most enjoyed this type of project. I will be assigning more creative projects in the future. They did a great job.

Next week we will have math and English assessments. I was hoping for Wednesday, but I think I will give the tests on Friday. We will be done with our units by Tuesday, and I will move on to new material. For English, both second and third, the test will be on the parts of a book report. For math the second graders are finishing up time and money. The third graders are finishing their multiplication unit. I told them that they need to study and memorize their multiplication facts. They should be using the flashcards we made and referring to the multiplication chart everyday for study. The only way to move forward with multiplication and division is to have these facts memorized. Please help your child by flipping the flash cards and quizzing them. Thank you for all your help.

Third grade will have a science test on or around the 18th. They have an assignment over the weekend before to help with study. For all students the school has a Science Fair coming up soon. The Fair is in March, and I will be sending home information within a week to give you all the details of my expectations. I know this will be fun for all. I look forward to seeing all the scientists emerge from my room ☺

I have decided to have a new test policy in my room. From this day forward, if a student receives an 80 or lower on a test they may do test corrections to make-up some points. They are required to put test corrections on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to the original test. They will receive half credit for each correct response. For example, if the original question was worth 2 points the correction will be worth 1 point if correct. I will have the students read and sign this new policy.

Enjoy your weekend, and take some time to rest. I'm going to try. Thank you all for your support and prayers.

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