



The Owl Oracle

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The Winter Break Edition

- One week to go until we are out for the holidays! We're all looking forward to a well-deserved break, and the Owl teachers wish all of you a wonderful holiday with family and friends.
- Holiday Parties on each grade level will take place on Friday afternoon, December 18, from 2:30-4:00 PM. An invitation to send in supplies was sent earlier this week. The great news is that all volunteer slots and all needed supplies are taken care of! Thank you to those who sent in goodies and will help out next Friday afternoon.

Math: This week, we finished our decimals unit with a test on Tuesday Dec. 8th. Those tests will be sent home on Thursday Dec. 10th. Corrections and re-takes will need to be completed before leaving for winter break. In our next unit, we will introduce percents and convert between fractions, decimals, and percents. We will be completing an activity with M&M's candies and are asking for donations of Plain M&M's. If you can help in any way, it is greatly appreciated. Our class is also in need of pencils, glue sticks, and notebook paper.

Science: We are finishing our Energy unit this week with student presentations on Energy resources. Research and presentation writing will be done in class. Our Rube Goldberg designs were finished today and look very impressive. We begin

our Geology unit in January and will have our first test on the material the 2nd week in January. Have a wonderful last week of school and a great break!

Language Arts: We have finished our novel units, and anyone retesting on the novel should plan to take it before break. You will do better now than when we return from break and it has been so much longer since reading the book.

Honors- same with the review stem test. You will do better before next Friday if you need a retake.

We are spending our remaining December time studying Ray Bradbury's classic story, "All Summer in a Day," and will be doing related space station/space colony reading and research next week.

After break, we launch into our text structures unit, which will also include author's purpose and tone, and persuasive techniques. Since we have spent much of our instructional time on fiction this fall, look for lots of nonfiction beginning in January. All classes have already been completing an article of the week, which involves annotation of text and thoughtful responses.

Social Studies- Our Ancient Egypt unit is quickly coming to an end. It's been a long unit but the students are hanging in there. The unit test will be on Wednesday, December 16. Please encourage your children to finish and turn in any missing work. After the break, we will begin our unit on China.