Date: January 6, 2020- Week 19

<u>Important Dates</u> <u>January 6</u> <sup>th</sup> - School is back in session	Letterland Words to Practice This Week:  Unit: 15
January 8 <sup>th</sup> - Math test on Measurement  January 10 <sup>th</sup> - Tri-Weekly Spelling Test (units 13, 14, 15)  January 17 <sup>th</sup> - Math Test on Measurement and Equality  Cultural Arts Program  January 20 <sup>th</sup> - No School-Martin Luther King Jr. Day  January 24 <sup>th</sup> - Mindful Music  January 27 <sup>th</sup> - End of Second Quarter  January 29 <sup>th</sup> - No School for Students-Teacher Workday	ng     nk     Tricky       sang     wing     flying     bank     drink     Words       bang     ring     resting     thank     think     want       rang     thing     thinking     sank     sink     along       hang     bring     sending     ink       sing     long     crying     pink       king     song     wink
January 31 <sup>st</sup> -Penny Cash In  Our Class Website:	* We have a test every three weeks (Tri-Weekly)  These words will be on the test scheduled for: January 10th

## Ways to Help Your Child at Home:

- \* Locate the following text features in non-fiction books: table of contents, captions, photos, labels, and diagrams
- \* Discuss natural resources with your child.

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\* Have your child ask an "I wonder" question & use books and online resources to find the answer



Mrs. Whelan's Weekly News

Dear Fabulous First Grade Families.

Happy 2020! I hope that everyone had a happy, restful and relaxing break. Please remember that your child should be reading and discussing books for at least 10 minutes each night. I sent out information for an excellent website called EPIC! You will need the class code, which was sent via email and Seesaw (cannot post to online sources). Also, please have your child practice the words on the back of his/her notes home folder daily. Also, please note that we now have a new specials schedule for the remainder of the school year. That schedule was sent but can be accessed anytime on our Weebly site. Thank you for your support.

\* The test will include words from units 13, 14, and 15

In <u>Math</u>, we will continue to focus on measurement. Our test will be on Wednesday. We will then move on to learning about equality. For example, <u>10</u> = <u>9+1</u>. It important for children to see that there's information on each side of the equal sign. We will use a number balance to teach this concept. In <u>Reading</u>, we will continue to focus on text features. We will look at the pictures/photos in non-fiction books and discuss how it gives us information. I encourage you to have your child read non-fiction books at home and focus on the pictures/photos as well. In <u>Writing</u>, we will begin learning how to write a "How-To". This is a step by step description of how to do/make something. Some examples include How to Brush your Teeth, How to Make a Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich, or How to Build a Snowman. It would be very helpful if you could practice following a recipe with your child, so they can see how important details are when describing how to do/make something. In <u>Letterland</u>, we'll focus on words with final blends: ng and nk. In <u>Social Studies</u>, we will begin to identify and discuss the importance of natural resources. A <u>natural resource</u> is something that is found in nature and can be used by people. Earth's <u>natural resources</u> include light, air, water, plants, animals, soil, stone, minerals, and fossil fuels. People need some <u>natural resources</u> to stay alive.

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