Ms. Flaherty’s Classroom News for the Week of Dec. 7th



Dear Parents,

Students have been practicing their multiplication facts since October. Thank you for helping your child by using flash cards and games. They have been expected to use XtraMath daily as part of the homework. Your child should be at 80% on XtraMath multiplication. Almost half the class has earned 100% and has moved on to division and other advanced levels. This week students will work on single and double digit multiplication using the partial products and traditional multiplication methods. They will also use a deck of cards to play “Multiplication Wrestling,” where they will multiply two digits by two digits using the partial products and traditional multiplication methods. Your child is encouraged to play this game at home, too.

Sincerely,

Ms. Flaherty

**Academics:**

*Reading Chapter Book:* ”Coming Distractions: Questioning Movies”*Reading Strategy Focus* – Fact & Opinion; Author Study*Writing* – Opinion/Persuasive Writing *Word Study* – Spelling Bee on Wednesday; No Spelling Test this Week *Math* – Con’t. Unit 5, work on multiplication, including double digit multiplication *Social Studies* – Begin Electricity Unit

**Important Dates:** *Dec. 8th –* Attendance Incentive *Dec. 9* - Classroom Spelling Bee *Dec. 10th* – MAP Testing (Reading) - - Culver’s 2016 Calendars for Sale, $5 each, 4th Grade Fundraiser *Dec. 11th –* Spirit/Popcorn Day *Dec. 14th* – Grade Level Spelling Bee  *Dec. 17th* – MAP Testing (Math) *Dec. 18th* – Homemade “Secret Angel” Cards Due - -$1 Wrapped Gift Due (for student gift exchange) - -Snowflake Ball - $5 *Dec. 21st* – The Great Jeffery Raffle, 5th Grade Fundraiser *Dec. 23rd –* Christmas Vacation Begins *Jan. 4th –* Students Return to School

