

Mrs. Ponte's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Families,

One week to go before a much needed winter break! This week is Spirit Week. You can join the PYA Remind group to stay informed on PYA news, including Spirit Days. Text @pyafalcons to 81010.

If you did not return Science Camp paperwork, please do so as soon as possible. Today your child may have brought home a "Missing Paperwork" notice. Please check with your child.

I'm looking forward to conferences this week. If you do not have a conference scheduled, I will still send home your child's i-Ready data by the end of the week for you to see.

Important Dates

December 13th: Science Camp Paperwork WAS DUE - PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

December 16-20: Student Conferences

December 23-January 3: Winter Break

January 20-24: Science Camp

Learner Profile Trait of the Month:

Open-Minded students

understand and appreciate their own cultures and personal histories, and are open to the perspectives, values, and traditions of other individuals and communities. They seek and evaluate a range of points of view and are willing to grow from the experience.

Math News

We are starting our study of adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers. What better way to learn about fractions than to do some cooking? We are asking for a \$2 donation to help us cover the costs of a cooking experience for our students. **Thank you to everyone who has donated so far!**

Students should continue to work on "My Path" at home as part of their daily homework routine. Students can earn a Popcorn and Movie party by scoring 100% on their My Path lessons.

Unit of Inquiry: How We Express Ourselves

Central Idea: Systems thinking changes how we understand the world. (written by our class!)

This week we will be using what we've learned about the components of an ecosystem to decide whether a plan to live on Mars would work.

Students will also continue writing a narrative from the point of view of an "ecosystem disrupter." Students will have the opportunity to publish their writing for the Young Author's Faire. We will also be sharing our writing with 2nd graders who learned about habitats and ecosystems in their last UOI.

40 Book Challenge

Our class has read over 800 books since the challenge began in August! Please keep encouraging your child to read at home and remind them to bring their book to school each day. How's your own 40 book challenge going? 😊