

Mrs. Ponte's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Families,

Our class did a GREAT job on both of our i-Ready assessments, with over 75% of students meeting their growth goals in both Reading and Math! Students have earned a free dress day on Friday, December 6th for their hard work. Also, please check with your child about Student Led Conference information. We will discuss student goals for the next trimester.

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.

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 exploring how decomposers (like worms!) break down dead or decaying organisms and how they recycle nutrients back into an ecosystem. Students will also begin working on 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.



Important Dates

December 6th: ALL Raffle Ticket Money due

December 6th: Winter Wonderland Dance

December 6th: CAWS IB Essays DUE

December 13th: Science Camp Paperwork DUE

December 16-20: Student Conferences

December 23-January 3: Winter Break

January 20-24: Science Camp

Math News

"My Path" is a personalized set of lessons for students that is meant to fill any gaps in learning that students may have. It is a great way to practice at home.

Students must be logged into a Chromebook OR signed into a Google account (with their SUSD log-ins) through a web browser in order for i-Ready to work at home. Let me know if your child is not able to log in and I can help.

Global Read Aloud 2019

We loved reading Front Desk! We wrote letters to a class that also read the book and we will Mystery Skype with them on Monday!