

## Dates to Remember

- 1/16 No School: Martin Luther King Observance
- 1/20 Art Infusion 12:30-1:40
- 1/23-26 MAP Testing
- 1/27 No School: Teacher Planning Day for report cards

## Mrs. Fisher's January Classroom



## Blurb

## Reminders

- **Library: Monday**  
Students return their books to school by Monday morning
- **P.E.: Tuesday & Thursday**  
Help your child remember to wear appropriate shoes.
- Blue homework folders and student planners should go from school to home and back daily.

## Happy New Year!

Students entered the classroom rested and ready to be back at school today. It was really nice to see them connecting with one another and showing a willingness to re-engage in the school routines and learning! These months from January-March are often really prime months for learning gains. I told the class that we have a lot to do to be ready for middle school. It will be that time before we know it! As of now, I am so proud of what I am seeing in the classroom. It is such a joy to watch them as they make personal growth, support each other and get a sense of accomplishment when their effort pays off.

## I-Ready Math

This month we continue to practice and gain understanding of how to add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers with unlike denominators. I always encourage students to show their thinking with models, numbers and words. In each lesson students have a chance to make sense of the problem on their own before learning some methods from other students and me. I encourage productive struggle, and discourse!

## Healthy Homework Habits

- All students are asked to read for 30 mins, Monday-Thursday. There will be days when this doesn't happen, but making it a priority and a habit helps.
- Students learn about the United States in grade 5, so the crossword puzzle is a chance to do some non fiction reading.
- Math once a week to practice what we are learning
- Reflection book to write with a prompt.

## Wit & Wisdom (ELA)

Students are currently working on Module 2~ Word Play. This module focuses on literal and figurative language, narrative structure, themes, and character development, through reading and writing; using dialogue and conflict, and elaborating on a central theme.

## Social Studies

This month students will continue to learn about the exploration of the New World, and the first explorers through videos, readings, jigsaw activities and presentations.

