Dear Families, January 13-24, 2014

**ABSENT – Due to a death in my family I will be gone on Friday of this week and Tuesday of next week. So please remind your child to be on their best behavior. Thanks for your support. Parent letter will not be sent home next week. This weeks letter will cover this week and next week.**

**Adopt-a-Classroom** --- Some of you may have donated to the Renaissance technology. Some of you reached out to me and wanted to donate directly to our class. So I set up an account and if you are looking for a place to donate your money directly to OUR classroom and our room only. Go to ADOPTACLASSROOM.org and search for my name(Pauline Hoffman Diaz) and you can give funds directly to our room for us to spend on things only for our classroom. Thank you to the families that have already donated to our room.

**Spelling** –

HOMEWORK - Spelling lists came home today for this week. NO spelling the week of January 21st.

**Reading-** We started a new poem last week and continued reading Shiloh reviewing chapter 3 and 4. We will begin Anchor Activities this week. Which will help with time management during ISearch and review of objectives in reading. I know the kids will love the activities I created.

**Math** – Ten Marks Homework

Ten Marks Homework resumes for the next two weeks. This quarter I will use Ten Marks as part of their math grade and homework grade. Please finish all assignments by the due date. I assigned 8 assignments to be completed by January 24th. That is 80 problems that need to be completed over a two week period or 12 days. Then I will use the average that is given in Ten Marks for grades. It is no longer work for so many minutes it is complete all parts of the assignment. You also have one weekend to complete the work as well.

**Overview of math for 3rd quarter** – We will start our 3rd quarter NEW math choice board that is geared toward this quarters skills and differentiated based on grade level as well. Each child is required to complete a choice board by end of the quarter for sixty points.

We will focus on Fractions (which we started just before break). We will compare fractions, divide fractions, decompose fractions, work on denominators 2,3,4,6 and 8. We will work on Geometry including, truangles, quadrilaterals, petnagons, hexagons and 2D and 3D shapes. Polygons, vertices, edges, area and perimeter. 2nd graders will work on mastery of multiplication and division to 12. Please practice these skills at home and we will start ten marks next week as well with these skills and other skills for review. (If your 2nd grader does not have them memorized flash cards can be helpful. We will use many skills in class to learn multiplication but practice at home is helpful.)

**Wordly Wise** – Wordly Wise Resumes Complete the first lesson in the book over the next two weeks. DO NOT turn it in on FRIDAY the 17th keep it and continue to work on it - The children have been given their new books. We will go slow through the first lesson as to get them familiar with the new books and expectations. The expectations are the same for the comprehension questions that they must restate the question and use the vocabulary word in the answerv for full credit. The children are to write with perfect handwriting. We only did ABCD/E for 1st aned 2nd quarters now we are going to make sure each section is done with completion ALL sections are to be done ABCDE (if applicable), you do not have to do the crossword or .

**Science** -- Presenting the science fair projects is still in process and took much longer than we anticipated. So the plant unit is on hold until we finish the presentations and grading of the science fair projects.

**Social Studies** – We will resume our unit on China next week after ALL the science fair projects have been presented.

**I-SEARCH** – The children did a great job typing Section one last week and all students finished and did not have to take their assignments home. Knowing that I would be gone on Friday and Tuesday I had them start Section 2 last week and we also picked up another computer time this week so I anticipate we will finish Section 2 and some will start Section 3 before I leave as to stay on task with the calendar. The kids are loving the Isearch and look forward to working on it everyday. Flash drives WILL NOT come home unless your child did not complete their work. I will send them home every weekend after we finish typing Section 3 so you may do presentation boards

Thank you, Mrs. Hoffman Diaz <http://mrshoffmandiaz.weebly.com/>

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| 13  Homework  Spelling  Ten Marks  Wordly Wise Lesson 1 | 14  Homework  Spelling  Ten Marks  Wordly Wise | 15  Homework  Spelling  Ten Marks  Wordly Wise | 16  Homework  Spelling  Ten Marks  Wordly Wise | 17  No Homework Due  Spelling test and Wordly Wise Test.  **Mrs. HD is absent** |
| 20  No School  MLK Day | 21  Homework  Ten Marks  Wordly Wise  Lesson 1  **Mrs. HD is Absent** | 22  Homework  Ten Marks  Wordly Wise | 23  Homework  Wordly Wise  Ten Marks | 24  Homework Due  Ten Marks  Wordly Wise Lesson 1  NO Spelling test |