Dear Families, January 6, 2014

**WELCOME BACK!** I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable winter break. Thank you so much for all the

wonderful gifts before break. I loved everyone of my gifts and can’t thank you enough for thinking of me

during the holidays. I am so lucky to have such an amazing class and a wonderful group of parents. You are appreciated and I consider myself the luckiest teacher at Highland Lakes to be able to work and learn with your amazing children. Your children are the true gift everyday I get to work with them.

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents that came and helped for our Holiday Party on the 20th. Thank you to Mrs. Gonzales for all her hard work in planning and getting the supplies for the party and Mrs. Leavitt for running the games, the kids had a blast. You guys are amazing.

**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 resumes this week. Lists came home today.

**Math** –

HOMEWORK -omHohOMMKPlease complete the word problems using the UPSC method.

**Overview of math for 3rd quarter** – 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.

**Wordly Wise** – We will finish our wordly wise books from 1st and 2nd quarter in class this week, together, and I will send home books 3 and 4 next week.

**Science** -- We will present our science fair projects this week and the students will be graded by myself and other Renaissance teachers.

We will resume our unit on Plants we will be planting beans this week in cups and in the window.

**Social Studies** – We will resume our unit on China next week.

**I-SEARCH** – I sent a packet the Friday the 20th of December asking each child to pick a topic and find one book on their topic to complete for our 3rd quarter I-search project. I asked for each kid to come in with a bucket and flash drive as well. All things were supposed to be brought to school TODAY. The signed contract and all materials were needed today. There was a calendar in the packet that is an outline of what sections need to be completed and by when so we may finish by March 3rd. We will start typing on Wednesday and Friday of this week. If your child does not have their topic, book, and materials needed to complete Section 1 at school, then they will be bringing it home for THEM to complete over the weekend. A flash drive will be critical for them to complete the unfinished work at home.

Thank you to all the kids that brought them in and were ready today.

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

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| **Monday** | | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| 6  I-SEARCH MATERIALS DUE  Homework  Spelling  Math | 7  Homework  Spelling  Math | | 8  Homework  Spelling  Math | 9  Homework  Spelling  Math | 10  Homework Due  Math  Spelling test and Wordly Wise Test. |