Dear Families, December 16, 2013

**FIELD TRIP………………………………..**

December 17th Field Trip – IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1. **Please turn in your money if you have not done so already.**
2. **Wear our class lime green shirts to school tomorrow or a lime green shirt.**
3. **Don’t forget to make a sack lunch for your child we will be having lunch at the park not school.**

**Grades and Report Cards: FYI report cards do not come home until we return from winter break, the week of January 6th. The office prints and finalizes them over break and then we send them home the week of the 6th. Remember you can always check Power Schools to see how they are doing in class.**

***TAX CREDIT Donation: Please consider contributing to the Renaissance Technology fund. It is a dollar for dollar return in your taxes. Even if you don’t owe it will come right back to you in a check. This money goes directly to Renaissance technology, ONLY. If you donate make sure you put for Renaissance Technology. December 31st is the last day to donate to Renaissance Technology fund. Thank you for supporting our technology in school.***



Dear Parents,

The Highland Lakes Science Fair community exhibition is the evening of Wednesday December 18th from 6PM – 7:30PM. Projects were turned in this morning and the judging process has begun. The following community colleges have been invited to be our judges this year; Glendale Community College, Midwestern University, and Estrella Mountain Community College.

225 students have entered this year (some working in teams of two or three) and have turned in 207 projects. Each project will be judged by at least one judge with the opportunity to be judged by three judges if enough judges are available.

Projects may be taken home after the fair that evening, after school on Thursday the 19th, and Friday the 20th of December**. Projects that are not claimed by December 20th will be discarded.**

If your child has entered the fair and has won a first place ribbon if you are in 5th-8th grade (based on the score of the rubric), he/she is eligible to enter into the Arizona State Science fair.

Visit the AZSEF website for details.

<http://azscience.org/who_are_you/azsef>

**Wordly Wise and Spelling**…..No Wordly Wise we will finish books this week in class and the children will get books 3 and 4 after winter break to start **and NO Spelling this week like usual. We will have a fun list the kids will work on in class and an fun test (not entered in Gradebook) but we will do all the work in class this week the words will be based on our holidays around the world we are learning about in class. The kids wrote them on paper today to bring home to practice if you want to, not necessary though.**

**Math:** We will be reviewing our quarter math skills over the next two weeks. We will dive into more repeated addition for 2nd graders and multiplication and division for 3rd graders. We will continue to review regrouping with both subtraction and addition. The students will all finish their math choice boards this week for 25 points in math. We have begun working on fractions and symmetrical shapes at the end of last week and we will continue working on these skills next quarter. Math Homework is some fun holiday math sheets.

Upcoming events –

* **Dec. 16th Science Fair Projects due. (NO LATE ENTRIES) Turned in between 8-8:45 on the 16th**
* **December 17th at 9:10 Field trip Wear lime green shirts**
* **December 18th Science fair Exhibit from 6-7:30 in the gymnasium**
* **Dec. 20th class party. Please see paper attached.**
* **Dec. 20th Half Day 12:05 dismissal**

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

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| **Monday** | | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| 16  Homework  Holiday Math  Holiday Riddles  Holiday Poetry  Science fair project due | 17  Homework  Holiday Math  Holiday Riddles  Holiday Poetry  Field Trip-pack a lunch and wear your lime green shirt. | | 18  Homework  Holiday Math  Holiday Riddles  Holiday Poetry | 19  Homework  Holiday Math  Holiday Riddles  Holiday Poetry | 20  Homework Due  Holiday Math  Holiday Riddles  Holiday Poetry  Winter Party 10:30-12 |