Mrs. Tritch’s Classroom



Newsletter #14

December 6 – December 20, 2013

**Homework:**

**Writing Prompts: ½ page each day to be written in writer’s notebook section of literacy notebook.**

**Monday-** Imagine that you snuck into Santa’s sleigh on Christmas Eve! What happened on your trip? Did you ever get caught by Santa? Describe what was he like, along with his reindeer and elves.

**Tuesday-** Free Choice ☺

**Wednesday-** The next time I see you at school, it will be a new year! Will you be making any New Year’s resolutions? A resolution is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Thursday-** No Homework

**Vocabulary Words:**

**1.** condensation

**2.** precipitation

**3.** transpiration

**4.** infiltration

5. evaporation

**Vocab Test on Friday!**

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**What we are working on:**

*Literacy-* We are working on comparing and contrasting text structures. We are looking at the similarities and differences between compare/contrast texts and cause/effect texts. Students are writing a compare/contrast essay. **Vocab Quiz on Friday**

*Math-* Students will be working on adding and subtracting fractions with mixed numbers. We are starting multiplying fractions. Students are working on reducing (simplifying) fractions as well.

*Science-* We are learning about air masses and fronts this week. We are continuing to track weather in Durham.

**Upcoming events/ news:**

Dec. 17- 5th Grade Finalist Spelling Bee – 9 AM

Dec. 19 – Class Holiday Party – 1:30 PM

Dec. 21 – Jan. 5 – Winter Break

I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Be safe and enjoy this holiday season.

~Mrs. Tritch

**Homework:**

**Reading-** 30 minutes each night.

This week, focus on the following strategies:

1. Comparing and contrasting characters, setting, and/or events
2. Finding the main idea and details
3. Using context clues to understanding unknown words or phrases.

