Mrs. Tritch’s Classroom



Newsletter #18

February 3 – 7, 2014

**Homework:**

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

**Monday-** Describe your perfect outfit from head to toe. (by Alexis)

**Tuesday-** Who is your favorite author? Why do you enjoy reading books by this author?

**Wednesday-**  Free Choice!

**Thursday-** If you could create the school day of your dreams, what would students do? Describe the day from start to finish.

**Vocabulary Words:**

**1.** figurative

**2.** literal

**3.** idiom

**4.** simile

**5.** metaphor

**Vocab Test on Friday!**

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**Upcoming events/ news:**

Feb. 3 – 5th Grade group pictures

Feb. 12 – Early Release – 1:30 PM

Feb. 14 – Valentine’s Day <3

Feb. 17 – REGURLAR SCHOOL DAY (SNOW DAY MAKEUP 1)

**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.

**What we are working on:**

*Literacy-* Students have been placed in book clubs! They are holding daily meetings to discuss reading strategies and build comprehension skills. We will also be starting figurative language this week (Literal vs. figurative language) **Vocab test Friday.**

*Math-* We are working on fraction word problems this week and going over commonly missed questions on the CA. We will start decimals mid-week and learn about place value to the thousandths place.

*Science-* We are starting our new science unit, “Forces and Motion.” Students will be focusing on gravity, force, motion, and friction this week with some hands-on activities!

