

#### **Winter Gear**

2024 has brought us colder weather, so please make sure that your children have hats, gloves/mittens, winter coats, snow pants, and snow boots when they come to school to ensure they stay warm at recess. If you are in need of any of these items, please contact Laela or Mrs. B-K. Thank you!

#### **Christmas Concerts**

Thank you to the music department and all of our students for working so hard and presenting beautiful concerts!

## **AIMS Web testing**

We will be conducting AIMS Web testing next week for reading and math. We will use these results to compare each student's scores to the current benchmark and measure growth/progress since our fall tests were taken. We use this information to determine how students are progressing and which skills they may need more assistance on. This information is also used to drive decisions concerning what is taught during TEAM time (Together Everyone Achieves More). Some students may need individual instruction with a Title teacher or Interventionist, and some students may graduate from needing that assistance.

Please encourage your children to do their best on the tests but not to stress about taking them. We do not compare students to other students, but we compare how they are performing now as compared to the fall. I am always impressed with their work ethic and look forward to seeing their growth!

# **Important Upcoming Dates**

January 15th-No School January 29th-No School

# **No Name Calling Week**

January 15th-19th is designated as "No Name Calling Week". During mid-January, No Name-Calling Week sets forth an annual event that calls for kindness in and out of the classrooms.

### #NoNameCallingWeek

Name-calling, insults, and words in general cause harm. In children and adults, unkind words leave marks we can't see and often cannot be easily undone. Over time, the abuse results in poor grades, difficulty concentrating, anxiety, depression, or self-harm. Our children deserve the support of parents, educators, and administrators, and this observance brings everyone together under one cause.

Mrs. Cudmore-Kremer's classroom lessons will focus on kindness and supporting others during that week.

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

We will have Parent-Teacher Conferences on February 8th beginning at 2:30 pm. Information concerning conference times will be made available during the next few weeks.

#### **Back from the Break**

The students transitioned back to school really well, and we were so happy to see them again! Have a wonderful month and stay warm!

Mrs. B-K



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