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4th/5th

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Class News

**DATE: December, 2018**

**Important Dates:**

12/18 Our Class Holiday Party

2:00 – 3:00

12/21 - 1/1 Winter Break

1/2- Back to school

1/4 Spirit Day

**Teacher News:**

Students are on the second round of our literature circles. Each week they are responsible to read a certain number of pages and complete their role sheet and come prepared to discuss their book. They have stepped up to the responsibility and have had very meaningful discussions each week. We will continue to read and discuss these books in January.

Students earned a much deserved Holiday Party for all of their hard work and excellent behavior. Thank you for signing up for all of the contributions to our party!

**5th Grade Math:**

Students have completed their fractions unit. They have reviewed how to recognize and generate equivalent fractions, explore fractions greater than one and compare and order fractions. They have also learned to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions and mixed numbers. They are applying this knowledge to complete a bake sale project where they are required to adjust two recipes and make sure they raise enough money to meet their goals. We will begin our measurement and geometry unit in January.

**4th Grade Math:**

We have been focusing on division. Students have been learning what the remainder in a division problem tells us. They learned how to represent the remainder as both a fraction and a decimal. They learned how to interpret the remainder and how it affects the answer to division problems in a variety of ways. Students completed their multiplication and division unit with a final test. Students have also been working on a million-dollar project where they are given a million dollars they must spend. This has been an excellent way for them to practice subtracting large numbers as well as learn important life skills about money and budgeting. They will begin to study fractions in January.

**ELA:**

We completed our classroom novel, *The Phantom Tollbooth.* Students did a fantastic job on their final test and vocabulary assessment. I am very proud of all of their hard work. They have been diligently working on completing a 3-paragraph letter from the perspective of their favorite character in the book. They are also working on a very creative final project where they present to class as their favorite character. Our principal, Mrs. Archambault will have the opportunity to watch their presentations.