

# December Newsletter 2016

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## Blowing Into Winter!

As we enter into our fourth month of school, we need to remember to come to school on time. In addition, the DOE is monitoring students' attendance to school and their academic success. With that said, please make sure your child is arriving to school every day on time. If your child is absent from school, please make sure they return to school with an absence note from either a doctor or parent/guardian. A student's academic success requires 90% attendance.

**IMPORTANT: Please sign your child's nightly Reading Log.**



### Upcoming Important Dates:

- December 5-Schoolwide Spelling Bee for grades 3-5
- December 9- PTA Family Game Night 6pm
- December 13- Field Trip to Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning.
- December TBA- Winter Holiday Show
- December TBA- PTA Meeting 6pm
- December 20- SLT Meeting 6pm
- December 22- Monthly Classroom Celebration
- December 26-30 2016- WINTER RECESS; NO SCHOOL

Students return on Tuesday, January 3, 2017

## Curriculum Corner

### Reading: Observing the World Around Us

**Text:** Unit 1 module B of ReadyGen curriculum

**Focus:** Students will be focusing on realistic and historical fiction.

**Ways to help:** Expose your child to a variety of texts such as letters, articles, recipes, etc. Ask them questions about the texts they are reading at home. For example:

- What point of view is this written in?
- What text evidence makes you agree or disagree with the author?
- Can you summarize in your own words?

### Writing: Creating Informational Pieces

**Focus:** Students will be working on responding to one or more texts with writing.

**Ways to help:** After your child has read a text ask them to write a response to a question. For example:

- Compare \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_?
- Why did \_\_\_\_ happen?
- What kind of a character is \_\_\_\_?

### Math: Multiplication

**Focus:** Students will be working on multiplication and how to multiply one digit factors.

**Ways to help:** Revisit all strategies taught to the students such as skip counting, repeated addition, using equal groups. Practice the skills they need.

### Science: Unit 2 Energy

**Focus:** Students will examine the different types of energy and various forms that it exists.

**Ways to help:** Discuss ways to help conserve energy.

### Social Studies: Case Study A Community: Nigeria

**Focus:** Students will examine the geography, economics, government, and culture of the people of Nigeria.

**Important Reminder:** Please check homework and homework folders EVERY night. Folders have important papers that need to be signed