

# December NEWSLETTER



## Ms. Barra K-2

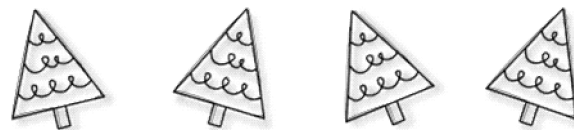
This month in K-2 we will be continuing our work on fact fluency and addition/subtraction strategies within 100. Our next Social Studies unit is “Past and Present: How does the past shape our lives?” and we will be learning about how daily lives have changed, customs and traditions. Our Science unit is called “Push, Push and Go” and we are learning about different forces like pushing and pulling and how our actions change the movement of objects. Our next Reading unit is on Narrative Non-Fiction with a focus on how people can help their community. We are also writing in our journals every day, practicing using correct capitalization, punctuation and spelling. I will continue sending home books for your child to read for homework, as well as spelling words to study every night. The class is earning credits for each night they do their homework so keep up the good work!

## Ms. Querceto

Many exciting things happened in November for 5/6. We began our Social Studies unit on early Native Americans. This topic inspired our learning across the curriculum, including Reading, Writing and Library. Our genre study in Reading is Realistic Fiction and we have been studying narrative elements through reading The Sign of the Beaver, by Elizabeth George Speare. One of the main characters is Native American and the story takes place in 1760s Maine. The other main character is a 12 year old boy who must survive on his own in a cabin in the woods. We have been doing some writing around this story, as well as some facts about early Native American tribes. In Science, we have begun our unit of study about states of matter, including how to measure mass and volume. In math we are studying rounding decimals and estimation. Our students wrote cards for veterans and enjoyed activities and a special meal with the students in Upper School. We can't wait to see what's in store for December!

## Ms. Coyle 3-4

In Miss. Coyle's class, the students continue to work hard each and every day! In Math, we are working on rounding whole numbers. The students continue to identify numbers up to the millions and are working on rounding numbers up to the hundred thousands place. In reading, we are exploring different genres. Currently we are exploring expository texts and the students are exposed to new academic vocabulary as we read the texts. In Science, we are exploring based forces and the students are challenging themselves to balance different amounts. The students are working on completing science notebooks with each investigation!



## Mrs. Paiva

During the month of December, one of the topics our students will be learning about is “Honesty”. This will include working on activities that will help our students identify different ways they can be honest. This includes their ability to identify what being honest looks like and how they can show others that they are an honest person. They will also be able to identify if someone is being honest with them and what they should do if someone is being dishonest. Identifying honesty will help our students understand how honesty and being trustworthy go hand in hand.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to continue to discuss these topics at home and if you have any further questions please feel free to email me ([mpaiva@westbaycollaborative.org](mailto:mpaiva@westbaycollaborative.org)).