

WEEKLY NEWS

Learn | Create | Explore

Dates at a Glance:

1/10 Midway Museum
Field Trip: bring a
lunch, water, and
backpack.

Upcoming Birthdays:

Damian—Jan 8th

Noah—Jan 19th

Teagan—Jan 26th

Homeplay:

Math game: (not this wk)

Spelling: see note on
the other side

Reading Challenge:
posters Wed. of this
week, due the following
Wed. by noon.

WHN: writing 2 entries
due each Monday. See
guidelines inside the
notebook.



Welcome Back and Happy New Year

Hope everyone had a winter break filled with laughter, fun, and adventures, and hopefully also a bit of restorative family down-time.

Midway Field Trip

This week is all about getting back into routines, good learning habits, and preparing for the Midway Field trip on Friday. The field trip will teach the kids about the team of people onboard an air craft carrier that all work seamlessly together to get the fighter pilots on and off the ship safely. In class, we will prepare by discussing every day, and behind-the-scenes, heroes. This may be a great time to talk about your extended family and who in your lineage has been/or is being of great service to the community. For example, last year one of my students had a grandfather who had been a life-long National Parks ranger, protecting, educating,

Spelling:

Please note:

Due to the field trip on Friday, our **spelling test will be on Thursday afternoon**. Please plan accordingly when you help your child study. Thank you!

Inspirations:

A hero is any person really intent on making this a better place for all people." ~ Maya Angelou

and advocating for nature around us so the rest of us can enjoy. That's an every day hero we can honor.

For the Midway field trip, please have your child bring:

- 1) a healthy **lunch** in their regular lunch box
- 2) a **water bottle** that doesn't leak
- 3) their **backpack**—they'll be carrying their own lunch

Writer's Homeplay Notebook

As promised, we'll start our writing notebooks at home this week. The idea is to build writing fluency while creating a habit of writing to reflect, share, tell stories, and more. Your child has a great deal of choice when it comes to the notebook—they can choose the topics themselves or write to the prompts on the stickers in the notebook (or a combination of the two). They are welcome to add pictures, photos, stickers, etc. to their writing, but it should be about the writing not about the decorating. Hopefully, this will become fun, though I do recognize that it's not always for all kids (some of them LOVE this notebook), so after a few weeks of trying to create this habit with your child, please let me know if you need ideas/guidance.

My Gift to the World

Later this week, students will start an essay about their 'gift to the world,' choosing one trait they have that they can share to help bless the world. It's a nice opportunity to transition from the season of receiving gifts to a new year of sharing strengths with others.

Hope your new year/new decade is off to an amazing start! ~ Ms. Boyesen