## For the week ending November 21st, 2014

# mbes' News

# Highlights of Our Week

### Language Arts

We will be working with <u>Mary</u> of Plymouth through winter break. The students will be reading 2 chapters a week for their language arts homework. Some days they will have time in class to read it. Many students are getting ahead start during morning work. It's a free eBook online. I will give the students the handout for the upcoming week on Friday, so they may get a head start. There will be a final project that will count as an assessment grade too. The students will be using their textbook as well (Chapter 8 pages 280-335).

In Writer's Workshop, the students are working on their explorer report. The class typed two more paragraphs this week. We will review suffixes, verb tenses, synonyms & antonyms, & the different kinds of sentences, the differences between fragments, run-ons, & complete sentences. I still need to teach articles, prepositions, & complex sentences.

### Math

We will review division when we return in December. The next unit will be on patterns and algebra before we begin the huge unit on Fractions coming up. It will help your child understand fractions if they are able to help you bake in the kitchen.



### Box Tops for Education!

Save your box tops for the contest! www.boxtopsqeducation.com

This time of the school year will fly by as we approach the holiday seasons. Please read the newsletter weekly and Check out my webpage along with Mulberry's webpage. We have a lot of curriculum to learn before winter break to celebrate our success in learning. Plus we will have the mid-year DDA's to take at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter!

Happy Birthday Ruddy!

Thank you Zaim and Jordan for bringing in items for our Mulberry families (4th graders).

Have a safe & Happy Thanksgiving Break!

### Social Studies

The students will have a vocabulary assessment on the colonial words at the beginning of December. Mayflower Compact, democracy, self-government, cash crop, productivity, legislature, patriotism, industry, price incentives, slavery, territory, colony, specialization, geography, town meeting, interdependence, trade, represent, opportunity cost, & voluntary exchange

There will be a **vocabulary test** at the end of the 13 colony unit.

Remember studying nightly for 10 minutes will help your child be successful on quizzes & assessments.

We will read a picture book called **Katie's Trunk** with the road to the war unit. The students will learn about 14 historical people, lots of vocabulary words, and 12 – 14 causes of the war before winter break. There will be 2 assessments. The students will read Chapter 8 and complete the handout that goes with each lesson

### <u> Upcoming Events</u>

Math tutoring Tuesday morning 7:15-7:45.

Return Friday folders on Monday. Please sign and return the passport (conduct/effort) report in the Friday folder.

11/20 Mulberry Reads Finale 6:00 PM

Thanksgiving Break 11/24-11/28

12/1 week 4 PE

12/5 Student Council Installation 8:30 AM

12/6 Holiday Hotcakes 8-10 AM

12/8 Our Holiday Lunch

12/8 - 12/17 Holiday Grams \$1.00 each

12/12 – 12/18 DDS's county assessments (One will be given each day for a grade.) These are midterms (all material from August – Dec.).
12/19 Winter Party 12:30-1:30

A Great Book: <u>Streams to the River, River to the</u> Sea A Novel of Sacajawea by Scott O'Dell

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Dear Mulberry Families,
This holiday season, we have the opportunity to provide clothing and toys to students in our
Mulberry Family. Our class is collecting new clothing items for a 4<sup>th</sup>grade girl If you would like to donate clothing, please send it in with your child by December 5th or bring it to Holiday Hotcakes on December 6th and we will distribute the item(s) to families in need during this special time of year. Thank you for your generosity!

Some suggested clothing items for this age group are: Coats, gloves, hats, undershirts, socks, sweaters, pants, underwear and shoes.

### Science -

when we return.

We will learn about light when we return in December.

Please check with your child to see if they need supplies at school. Many are in need of glue sticks, scissors, erasers, & folders (ripped).

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Daily Lunch: 11:45-12:15

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