

**<u>Reading</u>**: We will continue with our study about characters this week in Reader's Workshop. We will focus on retelling stories, remembering to include all of the necessary components of a retell (beginning, middle, end, important events) with details! You can ask your reader to retell a story to you this week with all of the important details!

<u>Writing</u>: The students are loving our new writing unit on opinions! This week we will continue discussing the importance for giving details for our opinions to help try and convince others. You can ask your writer to give their opinion and try to convince you of what they think the best sport is!

<u>Math</u>: This week in math we will have some fun making shapes using geoboards. We will learn about congruent shapes and will compose and decompose shapes as well. The students will also continue their discovery of shape attributes using tangrams. You can ask your mathematician to name and draw some of the 2-D plane shapes we have been practicing.

<u>Science</u>: This week we will be beginning our new science unit on living things! We will be discussing the difference between needs and wants and learning about different animal habitats.

## Word Work: New words: because, from, play, where, with

Word work focus: Blends (ex: bl, gr, cr, fl, st) and Digraphs (sh, ch, th, wh)

## Special Notes:

- Thank you Mr. Wagenbach for coming in to discuss your role in our community!
- Reflections contest entries are due this Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The students are invited to wear red this Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> for Hoops for Heart.
- There will be no school Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.