



## January/ February Newsletter

Happy New Year!

We continue to read The War with Grandpa by Robert Kimmel Smith, which is a realistic story. We will begin our book clubs next week where groups of students will read, discuss, and write about different books. The students are continuing to learn how to evaluate and summarize stories, discover the author's message, and try to apply that message to their own lives.

We have begun to read about the Wampanoag tribe in our Massachusetts book. It is fascinating to read about their fall and winter homes and compare them to their spring and summer homes.

In math, we are continuing with multiplication. It is important that your child learns the multiplication tables. Our multiplication goal is to be able to complete a 40 fact quiz for each times table in under 2 minutes. The expectation is that students will be able to complete this goal prior to leaving for February vacation. We are currently learning about area and how to find the area of various shapes. Our next chapter will be on perimeter.

Mystery Science has your children raising questions about how living in groups enables animals to survive. Be sure to ask your children how animals help defend and protect each other, obtain food, and cope

with environmental changes. Be on the look out for information about our upcoming animal project.

Typing Club is now a requirement of our third grade homework. Please have your child complete one hour per week practicing this skill beginning the week of January 10<sup>th</sup>.