



# January News

## Mrs. Palumbo



Happy New Year! I hope you all had a great vacation with your child. Students were very excited to share all of their vacation fun!

The weather is getting colder. As long as the temperature is above freezing we will go outside for 2 recesses. Please make sure that your child wears their winter jacket along with a hat and gloves for cold days.

As always, if at any time you have questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to, call or email me at [palumbom@worcesterschools.net](mailto:palumbom@worcesterschools.net).

### Math

Throughout the month students will focus on applying strategies to achieve fluency with multiplication and division facts within 100. Students will also continue to work on solving number stories that involve multiplication and division.

Students will also work on solving to find the area of a shape. Students will work on understanding how area is related to multiplication and addition. We will explore breaking an irregular shape into smaller parts to solve for area.

We will continue to work on fact fluency each day using morning work and Xtra Math to build fluency and accuracy.

### ELA - Reading, Writing, Phonics

Throughout the month we are reading *The War With Grandpa*. Students each have a copy of this book. We have been working on reading together and reading independently. Students are exploring using the back blurb to make predictions. Throughout the first quadrant of the book we are focussing on story elements, characters, setting, problem(s), predicting solutions. As we reach the second quadrant of the book we will be reading and thinking about the turning point in the book.

As we read students will respond to prompts about the story. Students will share ideas as we read and then use those ideas to support their writing. Students will respond to prompts using connections, predictions, and inferences that they are making throughout the read aloud. At the end of the second quadrant students will write a summary to review what they have read so far. Writing-Students are working on elaborate explanations. Students are using text and background knowledge to write and say more with an informative write.

Phonics- We will be working on vowel teams that make up long vowel sounds, students will use spelling option to decide which vowel team to use.

### Science/Social Studies

Science- Students will complete explorations using magnets. They will observe the behavior of magnets with other materials as well as the interaction of 2 or more magnets.

Social Studies- Students will learn about why the Pilgrims created the Mayflower Compact.

### Happy Birthday!!

January 31- Natalie



### Important Dates:

Jan. 2nd -No School

1/16 - No School - MLK Jr. Day