***Mrs. Potter's Homeroom News***

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| **Language Arts News**  Students are working on “publishing” their personal narrative stories through typing. We are also beginning our Persuasive Letter(s) Unit. Some pre-writing has been done in student journals as they prepared for this second unit.  We have begun our second MAISA Reading Unit, Analyzing Characters. We will be looking at how character(s) change throughout a book. Our primary mentor text for this unit is The Tiger Rising.  Students are continuing their independent reading as well as partners reading books in class. They should also continue reading 30+ minutes at home most nights. The AR reading goal for the month of November is 7 points (by November 30th). A mid-month progress report on AR points was sent home on 11/13/17. For December, the AR reading goal is only 6 points due to the short month (Christmas/New Year holidays).  Students should be studying their spelling words at home several nights each week. The next test will be this Friday, December 1, 2017. Students wrote their words in agendas on 11/17/17. |

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| **Math**  We are in the second half of Math Module 5, Fractions. We will continue to build on the first half of the module through addition, subtraction, and multiplication of fractions. Students are using number bonds, tape diagrams, and other models to help in this process. |

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| **Schedule of Events**  12/11 - ?/17: Tentative Santa Shoppe during the week (exact time tba – watch for information in  agendas)  12/12/17: Early Release at 11:03 a.m. for students  \*\*We will be working on a winter project throughout the month of December for each child to bring home before winter break. Please send in a clean, dry, one gallon plastic jug for your child to do the project (a ½ gallon jug will work if you don’t have a one gallon jug). If you have extra, please send them in for a child who does not have one. We plan to start the project this Friday, December 1st. |