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

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* Math: In addition to reviewing basic multiplication and division facts, students have been learning about factors, factor pairs, and multiples. In problem solving, students have learned how to use a bar model, number line/skip counting, as well as find the missing number in an equation as strategies.
* Spelling: Due to the four day week and the Valentine’s Day Party Thursday afternoon, our next Spelling Test will be on Friday, February 22, 2019.
* Reading: We plan to finish DRA testing this week. Student reading level are adjusted based on this assessment as well as the NWEA and scores in AR.

We will be starting a new literature book this week, The Tiger Rising. In addition to whole class instruction, students will be breaking into small literature groups to discuss chapters read. In addition to new vocabulary words, students will work on cause & effect, character traits, setting, problem & solution, summarizing, and reflecting with an opinion or connection to an event in the book.

The AR reading goal for the month of February is 6 points. Your child should be reading 30+ minutes each day at home to help meet this goal. This goal does count toward the overall reading grade.

* Science: Our next Project Based Learning will have more of a Science emphasis as students learn about the topic of energy. We are teaming with Midwest Energy Communication (MEC) as we work on designing this unit.
* Social Studies: We are finishing our first Project which had an emphasis on Social Studies as students learned about all Cassopolis has to offer to visitors and residence.

Students are editing their final product, a brochure about Cassopolis, and/or working on making a presentation to peers. A few students volunteered to make a presentation to our Board of Education / Village Hall combination meeting this evening.

The next area of study in Social Studies will be the Midwest Region of the United States. Since this area uses quite a bit of solar energy as well as wind energy, it will connect with our next Project as well.

* Recess Para-Pro: Our school is in need of a recess para-pro. If you are interested or know of someone who is interested, please contact our school office at (269) 445-0517.
* Valentine’s Day Party: Plans are being made for our classroom party this Thursday, 2/14/19. I am supplying root beer floats for all students in the classroom. If your child would like to bring in cookies, candy, chips, popcorn, or other items for this party, please send the items in on Thursday. Also, for your convenience, a list of student names is provided below if your child wants to bring in Valentine’s Day cards to exchange. This is not required, but many students ask to participate.

Aaron

Kegan

Mariah

Elijah

Melody

Mitchell

Spencer

Elizabeth

Gianna

Brayden

Ethan

Emma

Isabel

Gretchen

Caeydon

Madalyn

Jenna

Aiden

Albrey

Gage

Christian

Annabelle

Alfonzo

Lucas

Na’Ryan