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

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| **Language Arts News** Students are reading short stories and writing Literary Essays. This includes some opinion writing as students have to determine a theme and then use evidence from the story to back up their claim. Students have reviewed sample essays, prepared an organizer together with the class, and are finishing another organizer with a partner. We will be reading several short stories this week for students to choose from for an independent organizer. Students have been listening to and reading informational type literature. We’ve been looking at text features (i.e.: glossary, graphs, index,) as well as learning information about animals (Science) and immigration (Social Studies). We are setting up “clubs” for students to read in small groups additional informational text. Students continue their independent reading in class. They should also continue reading 30+ minutes at home most nights. The AR reading goal for the month of May is 7 points.  Students should be studying their spelling words at home several nights each week. Based on the mid-year Words Their Way Assessment, four Spelling groups have been set up to meet individual needs. Due to M-Step Testing, our next test will be Friday, 5/18/18.  |

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| **Math** Students have begun working with types of lines (ray, line segment, line) and angles (right, acute, & obtuse) in Module 4, Geometry. We will continue to have reviews on fractions, multiplication, and division. Due to M-Step testing, we will not have any homework from Math this week. |

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| **Schedule of Events**5/8/18 – ½ day of school for students (dismissal @ 11:03 a.m.)5/9/18 – M-Step Testing: ELA5/10/18 – M-Step Testing: Math5/11/18 – 3rd & 4th Grade: Farm Days at the fairgrounds5/15/18 – Young Writers’ Day @ SMC (15 students from the grade level)5/25/18 – 4th grade field trip to Kalamazoo Valley Museum5/28/18 – Memorial Day / no school  |