



# FRIDGE NOTES

## Mrs. McBride's Class Family

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – December 6<sup>th</sup>

I hope everyone had a restful and fun Thanksgiving break. Now, we only have 3 weeks left before winter break and we are going to be BUSY!

This Thursday night from 6:00-7:30 is Science Night here at Bay Meadows! 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades will have a Science Showcase and 5<sup>th</sup> grade will display and present their Science Fair Projects. The Orlando Science Center will also have a series of hands-on STEM activities set-up for the children to explore. This is one of my favorite family events of the year! Hope to see you there!

Progress Reports go home this Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to last week's Principal's Award winner, Jonathan!

### Important Dates

Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>-  
Science Night

Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>  
Progress Reports

### Reading

This week in reading, we will review all of the skills from the past few weeks and take our Unit 2 Benchmark Test. We will break the test up into smaller chunks and work on one section each day. The first two days will involve reading and analyzing texts. The third day will focus on all of the phonics patterns and rules we have been working on (final consonant blends, double consonants, consonant digraphs, *-ed* and *-ing* endings, contractions). The fourth and final day will involve reading complex texts and responding in writing. This section of the test will really push the students to use their higher order thinking skills.

### Writing

This week we will also take the Unit 2 Benchmark Test on all of the language arts skills we have been working on: plural nouns, proper nouns, verbs, verb tenses and editing sentences.

We will also finish our Iroquois informational texts that we started before Thanksgiving Break.

### Math

I was so proud of the students' hard work throughout our last unit on addition with regrouping. It was a unit where everything really "clicked." For Chapter 5, we will take the concept of regrouping and carry it over to subtraction. As with 2-digit addition, we will begin by exploring a variety of strategies for 2-digit subtraction, including using tens frames, number lines and hundred charts. Then, we will use base-10 blocks to model the concept of "borrowing" and trading 1 ten for 10 ones (the reverse of what we did in addition).

### Science & Social Studies

This week we will finally get back to our science unit on matter! We need to catch-up on a few experiments, so we will spend the week examining properties of specific solids, liquids and gases.