**Welcome Back**

Welcome back and Happy New Year! January is a great time to talk to your child about goals to focus on to finish the school year strong!

**School Closures**

The winter months always bring the possibility of school closures or delays. Stay informed with the TTSD app or flashalert.net.

**DIBELS**

During the week of January 13th, your child will be given their DIBELS reading assessment. Your child’s individual score will be sent home that same week. If you have any questions, please contact your child’s teacher.

**Math**

This month, we will be finishing Unit 3 (Multi-digit Addition and Subtraction). Next we will start Unit 4 (Fractions, Time and Data). Students will also continue taking their 2 minute timed multiplication and division tests. Our celebration party will happen next month. Stay tuned for more details and keep up the practicing at home!

**Reading**

The first week back, we will be assessing main idea and breaking out into our power groups for more specific instruction. The second week, we will read Technology Wins the Game and focusing on sequence of events. Our main story for the next week is Tops and Bottoms. We will focus on the skill of summarizing. The last week of January, we will read Yonder Mountain with an emphasis on comparing and contrasting. If you have any reading questions, contact your child’s reading teacher.

**Writing**

Throughout the month of January, we will be working hard to finish our animal reports. Once they are complete, each student will turn their animal report into a speech. Our goal is to begin speeches by the end of the month. 3rd grade is the first year for students to start giving speeches in front of the class. Please encourage your child to practice their speech out loud at home. Family members can make a great audience!

**Volunteers**

We are honored to have volunteers throughout our school. Just a reminder that all volunteers need to fill out a brief form. The link to this form is: [www.helpcounter.net/ttsd](http://www.helpcounter.net/ttsd)

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**Important Dates:**

- **January 7th**
  - OBOB Meeting
- **January 8th- 10th**
  - TEAF Registration Window
- **January 9th-**
  - Art Lit Meeting
- **January 20th-**
  - No School, MLK Jr. Day
- **January 24th-**
  - Second Quarter Ends
- **January 27th-**
  - No School, Teacher Workday

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