

Good afternoon, families!

First, I apologize for having a difficult time getting to emails, grading, etc. this past week. My parents live in California and I typically see them twice per year, and they were in town for 3 days over this weekend for my daughter's first birthday. I took Friday off to spend time with my family, and did my best not to look at emails while they were here. They left this morning, and we had two basketball games after school (which a lot of you were also at!). So now, I will catch up on all of that over the next few days!

The Student Leadership Council is collecting gently used winter coats for Operation Warm. They are accepting child and adult sizes. They will be cleaned by Don's Cleaners and passed out in the community. Please consider donating any coats that your family no longer uses.

There are many, many kids out sick in the building. If your child has a fever, please keep them home to avoid spreading the illnesses to more students.

In Math, we have our test over multiplying and dividing fractions & mixed numbers on Wednesday. There will not be a chance for a re-test on this topic since grades will be submitted for report cards the following day. They had time to meet with me individually during class today if they felt they needed it, and will have the chance again tomorrow. When we return in January, we will focus on adding and subtracting fractions & mixed numbers. There are still a few grades out that will be entered in the next few days.

In Science, we had our last graded assignment during class today, which will be entered into RDS tomorrow. Our focus in January will be the musculoskeletal system.

The DARE reports are due Wednesday. There is no "late date" for full credit for this report. It was assigned last Wednesday, and they have had class time in both my class and Mrs. Hall's, and they are able to work on it from home. It is a 5 paragraph minimum that includes an introduction, three separate topics from DARE class that are each one paragraph, and a conclusion. They were allowed to take their DARE book home to help them. Without this report, they are not allowed to participate in the DARE Graduation in January.