



# DECEMBER NEWS

## A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS:

Thank you for your continued hard work and cooperation to ensure student success, safety, and well-being. At Jackson Road, we strive for respectful, responsible, and safe behaviors.

## EVENTS

**Dec. 22-** Winter Festival Classroom Party

**Dec. 25 - Jan. 2:** Winter Break; No School

## REMINDERS

- With colder weather upon us, please ensure that your child is dressing warmly
- Ensure that take-home folders are checked daily
- Homework is sent home weekly, which includes a reading log and Eureka Math practice

## MATH FOCUS

This month, we will continue to work within Module 4 of the Eureka curriculum. Students apply their understanding of place value strategies to the addition and subtraction algorithm, moving from horizontal to vertical notation. Their understanding of vertical addition and subtraction starts with concrete work with place value disks, moving to pictorial place value chart drawings, and ending with abstract calculations. Additionally, students will apply these strategies when solving word problems.



# READING & WRITING

We are now working within Unit 3 of the Benchmark Advance curriculum. Students will read informational texts, stories, and poetry that describe how plants and animals live in different habitats around the world, and adapt to survive in their respective habitats. In Writing, students will be writing an informative piece about an animal habitat. They will engage in research to provide facts about the topic and include details that support those facts. Students will continue to receive support on foundational skills within small groups.

# SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES

In Science, students will explore changes to the Earth's surface, and use a variety of print sources to make a claim as to whether Earth's events occur quickly or slowly. They extend this understanding of different rates of change to Earth's surface through an investigation of earthquakes.

In Social Studies, we will use fiction and non-fiction texts to compare the elements of two different cultures, and how they meet their human needs for food, shelter, and other commonalities such as recreation, music, and stories.

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