

News from Room 202 December 2014

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I can't believe 2014 is coming to a close. It seems only like yesterday that it was September. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each family for the support you give your child each and every day to help them be successful. I wish you and your family a happy and healthy holiday season. Please feel free to contact me through Class Messenger, email at kquinn@bridgeportedu.net or send a note in with your child if you have any questions or would like to meet.



On Monday, December 15th the third, fourth, and fifth graders will be attending the ballet performance of the Nutcracker at Fairfield University. Students must wear their uniforms. No sweats. Thank you to Mrs. Borjas for volunteering to be our chaperone!

Student Recognition



Congratulations to the following students November Homework Club: Mirijoel, Vanessa, Sonia, Lena, Clarissa

November Student of the Month: Andres Flores



Our classroom was buzzing with excitement as we held our classroom Spelling Bee on December 4th. Congratulaions to the following students: Lena, Valerie, Valentina, and Tiffany. These hard working spellers will be representing our class against the other top 3-5 spellers in the schoolwide Spelling Bee on December 18th.

<u>Spotlight on Homework:</u> <u>Your Child's Planner</u>

Homework is a very important part of your child's education. It helps students practice skills learned in class as well as teaches them time management and responsibility. The number of students in the Homework Club has dramatically decreased. To help reinforce the importance of homework, I am asking parents to sign their child's homework planner every day. I will be writing in the planner if your child has any missing or incomplete homework. Please make sure to check and sign your child's planner on a daily basis. This procedure will start on Monday, December 8th.

Technology and the Home

Your child has access to programs that will help improve their reading and math. All students should be using Symphony Math. For reading, there is *Lexia* for our students who use it at school. All other students should be using the various reading, arammar and vocabulary programs on Moby Max. If you have working technology at home, your child should be working on the reading program for one hour each week as well as an hour on math. The hour does not have to be all at once or on the same day. It is best to break down the time spent into 20 or 30 minutes. I will monitor student progress on a weekly basis. If you do not have access to working technology, your child should be reading for at least an hour extra each week as well as working on their facts (addition and subtraction with regrouping, multiplication, and division).

Dates to Remember

K-4 Holiday Concert: Monday, Dec. 22nd (9am)

Winter Break: 1/2 day Dec. 23rd-January 2nd.