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Happy New Year!

Dear All-Star Parents,

I hope that all of you had a wonderful break. We are excited to be back and ready to learn. I really appreciate all of the gifts for our classroom. We were able to get so much needed school supplies along with some fun games, soccer balls, and a new tablet for our classroom!!

Please continue to have your All-Star read every night for at least 15 minutes. You can reinforce their learning by asking them questions such as:

“What is the main idea?”

“Where is the setting?”

Who are the main characters?”

What is the plot/problem?”

“How did they solve the problem/ resolution?”

The following are some helpful and fun websites that you child will enjoy as they interact with them.

www.brainpop.com

www.kidsites.com

www.scholastic.com

www.sumdog.com

www.pbskids.org

www.coolmath4kids.com



Reminder:

Please continue to bring in a healthy snack for your child. Since the weather is getting colder, we need to continue to eat healthy due to not having as much exercise outside. Thank you.

I am also attaching the theme for the PTO Silent Auction “Sports Nut”

THIS MONTH IN CLASS

- **Science:** Finishing up our unit on Matter and Mass.
- **Lang. Arts:** synonyms and antonyms. Focusing on elements of stories.
- **Writing:** Working on descriptive pieces of writing using adjectives and power verbs.
- **Math:** reviewing on two digit addition and subtraction. Starting geometry.
- Also introducing multiplication concepts.



Math: Introduction to multiplication

As your all-star begins to learn about multiplication there is a fun activity that you can do at home to help them learn their facts.

You can use an item such as a small ball or bean bag and stand a few feet apart and count by 2,3,4, ect or whatever number they need

to work on.

For example, you can start with count by 2's. Start out with zero and say “zero” and toss the ball or bean bag to your all-star. If they catch it, the count out the next number “2” and toss it back to you. Then you toss it back saying “4.” You

count all the way up to 20 or 2 x 10 and then back down to zero again. Then you can time yourself

and see how fast you guys can do it. If you drop the ball or bean bag, you have to start over. This

Classroom Basket Raffle

The CES PTO is hosting its annual Carnival. Our Silent Auction and Raffle add to the evening of family fun. It was a huge hit and we are excited to be doing it again. We need your help to make this event a success.

We are asking for your help in contributing to the Classroom Basket that will be raffled during the Carnival. Each classroom teacher chose a theme and we are asking each student to bring in a **NEW item** (or more) relating to that theme. Be sure to shop sales, clearance, and discount stores. If it is easier for you to make a cash donation, you are more than welcome. Every donation is truly appreciated and valued.

Your student's classroom has the theme below. Items for the baskets will be collected now through January 28th and can be placed in the classroom donation box. The PTO will collect all of the donations and combine them into a beautiful basket arrangement to be ready for the raffle during the Carnival. The ideas below are just some suggestions of the items you could donate. Your creative and original ideas are welcome.

Thank you in advance for all of your help! Questions? Call, Angie Hogle, 592-6632

Mr. Clanton (1st/2nd Grade)

OUR BASKET THEME:

Sports Nut

IDEAS FOR DONATIONS

Football
Flag football kit
Ball pump
Orange cones
Columbia Sports Wear
Baseball items
Tee Ball items
Cheerleading items
Cashews/Pistachios/Peanuts

Kickball
books on sports
Sports videos
Golf items
Skateboard
Bleacher chair
Nerf balls
Frisbees
Mixed Nuts/Trail mix

Soccer ball/items
Sports Illustrated
Tickets to events
Bowling Certificates
Jump Ropes
Stop Watch
Basketball items
Almonds
Sunflower seeds

We are asking that all items for the baskets be turned in by January 28th.
Be Creative! Have Fun!