

January 4, 2008
An Update from
Mrs. Durkin's Class



Dear Families,

I want to give a special thanks to all families who contributed to our Colonial Celebration! The time and effort that went into organizing and preparing for the feast made it a very special event. The kids love the Colonial games that were purchased for the class and have continued to play them during these frigid winter days. The class gift was also extremely generous and I'm very excited about getting some new resources for our classroom.

In **Math**, we have continued with our Geometry Unit. We have learned about different types of polygons and their properties along with a review of symmetry.

In **Reading**, we have started a historical fiction genre study. There are four different books that students have chosen from. The discussions and analyzing of the texts is quite impressive. Students have also been keeping a reading response journal where they are responding about different story elements.

Book Clubs have been a great opportunity for the students to meet with different kids in the class and share the books they are reading. I've noticed a lot of them lending and borrowing books after they have finished, and giving recommendations for future reads.

In **Writing**, we are publishing our personal essays. They will be posted in the hallway within the next week or so and I will make copies to send home so you can see the great work they have produced. Our next unit will be on Literary Essays.

In **Science**, we have covered all the material in the weather unit and will be having our final assessment next week. We're going to be trading in our meteorologists for some chemists.

Thank you for all that you do,

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