

# MRS. MARCELLO'S CLASS NEWS

January 16, 2008



This week is the end of the second quarter of the school year. It is hard to believe that we have gone through half the year. Developmental records are going home on January 30. The children have grown so much in their reading and writing skills. They are a joy to work with each and every day. I can not thank you enough for the privilege of working with them. We are now working on rules in our daily word work. Word patterns and chunks are helping us be better readers. The ever changing New England weather always makes life interesting. Enjoy the week!

## What's Coming Up?

No school on January 21 for Civil Rights Day.

There is an early release on Wednesday, January 30, 2008 for teacher in-service.

## Homework

Homelinks -5.5, 5.6, and 5.7.

## Themes and Skills

### Reading

This week we are reading *AND I MEAN IT*, *STANLEY* by Crosby Bonsall. Look for other books by this author. We are looking at the /k/ sound and the rules to help us know when to use c, k, or ck. Our sight words this week are two, more, write, go, and see. We are writing about winter and working on the concept of a paragraph. The children continue to write creative stories as we look at topic and organization. Capitals should only be used at the beginning of a sentence, for names, and the word I.

## Science and Social Studies

The sense of smell is being explored as we learn about the nose and use our sense to explore smells. We have read *ALL KINDS OF FAMILIES* in social studies.



## MATH

The symbols  $<$  and  $>$  are being used to write number sentences. WE are working with word problems as we write them and solve them. Number models are used to show how we solved each problem. Strategies are discussed to see that there is more than one way to solve a problem. Basic facts are being practiced as we work on the property of zero.

