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Dear Parents,

We have run out of Kleenex in our classroom. Donations of this frequently needed supply are always welcome.

Friday Binders were not sent home this week. They will be sent home mid-week next week, so they can be signed and returned before the winter break.

Our Spelling pretest for next week's words was given on Friday, and next week's Spelling test is scheduled for Thursday, December 19.

Due to snow this past week, our Slater Mill field trip was postponed. You will be notified as soon as I have a rescheduled date for this field trip.

In Language Arts this week, our focus was on summarizing information and identifying an author's point of view. After reading and discussing The Polar Express, written by Chris Van Allsburg, students worked with partners to summarize various passages from the book. Likewise, students worked together to identify and explain several examples of figurative language found in this popular holiday story. Additionally, after reading and discussing another heartwarming holiday story entitled, The Trees of the Dancing Goats, written by Patricia Palacco, students wrote a short narrative entitled, "If I Were a Gift."

In Math, we continued applying division strategies to solve problems throughout the week. We also moved on to identifying factors and multiples of a number, using a one-hundred chart, multiplication, and division. Students also worked on classifying numbers as either prime or composite based on the number of factors they have.

In Social Studies, students were given time to revise and edit their research paragraphs on GoogleDocs.

In Science, we wrapped up our Energy and Speed Unit this week. Next week, we will begin exploring Plant and Animal Parts.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at [jalviano@cpsed.net](mailto:jalviano@cpsed.net).

Have a fabulous weekend!

Mrs. Alviano

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