Dear Parents,

Welcome back and happy new year! It's been a busy first few weeks back from Winter vacation.



With cold and flu season upon us, donations of Kleenex and Clorox Wipes



continue to be greatly appreciated.

Directions for our Book Talk project, which is due on January 27th, were sent home this past Monday. In addition to the paper copy attached to the direction sheet, templates for the index cards can be accessed from my Google Classroom as well. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding this project.

In Language Arts this week, our focus was on identifying story elements of realistic fiction passages. Students also practiced determining the author's point of view on a topic, as well as, the point of view from which a story is being told, based on story events and text evidence. Likewise, students practiced using text evidence to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words. In Grammar, we focused on identifying different tenses of verbs and using accurate subject-verb agreement in writing. As a class, we also continued writing our class narrative sequel to <u>Stephanie's Ponytail</u>.

In Math this week, we wrapped up our Eureka Module 3 Unit. We've spent quite a bit of time practicing solving problems using multiplication and division strategies this trimester. Students will be completing their End of Module 3 Assessment next week.

In Science, we have begun our Plant and Animal Parts Unit. At this point, our focus has been on identifying physical and behavioral adaptations of animals that help them meet their basic needs and survive in their environments.

In Social Studies, we have continued examining the three branches of the United States Government.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at <u>jalviano@cpsed.net</u>.

Have a fabulous weekend!

Mrs. Alviano