Important Information

**Winter Break:** If your child will be absent for any days next week, please let me know. This helps tremendously with planning our learning activities for the week. Remember that you also need to let the office know of any planned absences.

**Headphones:** If you have a spare set of headphones at home, I would love for you to send them in with your child. This will help with many different learning activities throughout the rest of the year. Thanks!

**FLASH Curriculum Preview:** Part of our 5th grade curriculum is FLASH – Family Life and Sexual Health. If you would like to preview the curriculum materials, there is an opportunity on 12/12, 9:00 am.

**December Book Review:** Remember that directions for this essay are posted on our class website under “Reading”. This assignment is due December 15.

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Curriculum Notes

**Math:** The focus of our math lessons is division. Key words are divisor, quotient, dividend.

**Reading:** Students are practicing their fluency with a presentation of a picture book read aloud. Our strategy focus has been making inferences. We have used literary texts to draw conclusions based on textual clues.

**Writing:** Our grammar focus this week was grammar rules of titles. Students drafted and began publishing their second informational papers. Writers worked to make sure they included engaging introductions, interesting factual details, elaboration via thinking about the facts, variety of sentences, and using different text structures within their papers.
**Social Studies:** We started our study of Native American cultural regions. In the past, students have learned about local and state-wide Native American tribes. This year we learn about Native Americans across the continent, prior to European exploration.

**Art:** Students worked on glazing their clay projects from a few weeks ago. These will be fired and will come home next week.

**Important Dates**

December 12... FLASH Curriculum Preview, 9:00 am at ISD Admin
December 15... Book Review Due
12/21 – 1/1... Winter Break
January 4... Back to School
January 18... NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 25... NO SCHOOL, Teacher Work Day

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