We are working on writing informational pieces. The students have been learning to do research and take notes in an effort to be able to gather information and then write about it. In order to write effective informational pieces, students are learning to break their writing into “chapters” for a better overall presentation. We are using the Lucy Calkins series on writing to structure this writing unit.

Be sure to ask your child what they are researching and/ writing about.

We will be wrapping up our unit on fractions and decimals with a County Checkpoint Test on January 16.

Our next unit will focus on measurement and geometry. We will begin our unit study with measurement. Students will learn about four different types of measure; linear, capacity, weight, and time. They will learn the individual units of measurement, the relationships of those units, as well as how to actually measure using the necessary tools.

# Writing

informational texts at home and talk with them about it.

# Math

Welcome back to a brand “New Year”. Hope everyone is rested, revived, and ready to go again. It’s hard to believe that we are about half way through our school year.

Since it is cold and flu season, we would like to take the opportunity to remind everyone to get plenty of rest, drink plenty of water, and eat healthy. It is very important that we do everything possible to ensure success during our school day and that starts with being healthy.

# Reading

We are currently focusing on informational texts. With this focus we have read news articles, science journals, and historical pieces, just to name a few. It is important for students to understand that informational texts are not just text books. They can be anything they read that gives them factual information on a topic. During this time period please encourage your child to read some

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# A Fresh Start

The new year is here

# Writing





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Please replenish the following supplies as needed:

1. Pencils
2. Erasers
3. Notebook paper

## Reminders to Parents

# Science

We will begin our focus on early colonial life in Maryland. Students will learn why people came to the New World (specifically Maryland) and what early life was like for those colonists.

We are starting our new unit on Environmental Science. Students will be studying live beetles and crayfish. To learn how they react in their environments as well as the physical breakdown of what makes these amazing creatures.

# Social Studies

**1/14 –**Trip to Planetarium

**1/17**- 2 ½ hour early dismissal

**1/20-1/21**- no school for students

**1/31**- Snowball Dance

## Upcoming Events

## Reminders to Students

* Dress for the weather
* Bring a coat



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