

ROOM B224 NEWS



Investigating Circuits

December 3, 2012

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Important Dates



Mon, Dec. 3rd

New Specials

Fri, Dec. 7th

Half-Day for Students

Thurs., Dec. 13th

**Student Led
Conferences 4:30-7:30**

Dec. 22- Jan. 2nd

Winter Recess

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UPDATES FROM THE TEACHER

Dear b224 Families,

Trimester 1 has come to a close! Student led conferences will be December 13th. If you plan on attending, please send the form back with your child's name and the time.

In **Math**, our focus is two-fold. The school is placing huge emphasis on all students mastering their basic facts. For fifth grade students should be especially fluent in their basic multiplication and division facts. Please practice these facts at home. Mastering them is necessary to advance! Division is the major concept we will cover in December. Students will continue to use estimation and check their work using the inverse operation. We will also continue to develop word problem solving skills.

In **ELA** we are reading stories within the theme "Changing Planet," which connects to our Science Unit. We will also begin our first novel: The

Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan.

Focus skills will include: drawing conclusions, summarizing, making/confirming predictions and more. Additionally, we will practice strategies to successfully answer open response questions.

In **Science** we will explore Processes that Change the Earth. This month we will cover topics such as the make-up of earth, it's evolution, plate tectonics, and more. We will have several hands-on demonstrations and projects.

Our **Social Studies** curriculum will continue to focus on both landforms and geography.

Please feel free to call or email with any thoughts or questions.

Thank you!

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