

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a relaxing vacation and had time to spend with family and friends!

Math

We are starting the next investigation in Unit 4, *Fish Lengths and Fraction Rugs*, which focuses on the fractions, halves and quarters, and continuing to learn how to tell time on the hour and the half hour.

Literacy:

The focus of the next reading unit is on thinking deeply about studying characters in the books they are reading. The children will concentrate on the characters they meet in their books, and think about how they can get to know them as people, by paying attention to the things that they say and do, the kinds of people they are, and how they grow and change as the story unfolds.

In writing, the children will be learning how to write opinion pieces and back up their opinions with at least three developed reasons to convince the reader to agree with them. Students will continue to work on the conventions of writing, spelling and punctuation. Here is a link to the [1H Word Wall](#) with a list of word wall words that the children should know how to spell correctly.