What a crazy winter! I know many of the children were dying to know if we would make up for our missed celebration last Friday! We have a lot of things to catch up on from all of the snow days, but we will still fit in many of the activities that had been planned tomorrow, February 18th. A huge thank you to everyone who sent in materials for our fun-filled “friendship” day. We look forward to a great day focusing on kindness, how to help others, and how to improve our classroom learning environments. Thank you for helping us to carry out this theme throughout the day in a fun and rigorous way!

**Math Workshop**

In math we will be wrap up our unit on Area and Perimeter over the next couple of weeks. Students are beginning to apply what they’ve learned about area and perimeter to real-world scenarios such as creating blueprints and finding the amount of paint needed to cover a certain area. As part of our Economic and Financial Literacy Unit, students used their knowledge of area and perimeter to design their own business. This has been a great opportunity for them to apply what they learned during our unit on multiplication/division. **Keep up the practice with those multiplication facts!**

**Reader’s Workshop**

The students have really been enjoying our study of mysteries! They’ve done a great job of discussing and writing about their books texts by referencing specific details, asking and answering questions, and making inferences about events or characters. Some students have even begun to work on writing their own mysteries!

**Writer’s Workshop**

Students will begin to learn how to write realistic fiction. Taking something real that happened in our everyday lives and adding to it.

They will be learning how to:

* Use dialogue and descriptions of actions, thoughts, and feelings to develop experiences and events or show the response of characters to situations.
* Use temporal words and phrases to signal event order.
* Provide a sense of closure.

**Science & Social Studies**

Students have been working on an Economic and Financial Literacy Unit. We’ve been learning all about topics such as goods, services, consumers, producers, renewable/nonrenewable resources, natural resources, human resources, and capital resources. Students have had some great opportunities to think about how these concepts are applied in real life situations that they can relate to.

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

Thursday, February 20 – Talent Show