It is hard to believe that after spring break, the 4th quarter begins! Please take a minute to talk to your student about setting new goals for the 4th quarter. They have worked diligently and we want to continue to help them grow and achieve their goals as a third grader!

**THIS WEEK:**

* The students are wrapping up final projects, units of study, and publishing their work!
* They will also be showing their brilliance on the Case 21 quarterly assessments.
* Don’t forget, this Friday we have school – snow day makeup!

**Math Workshop**

Students are working hard to develop an understanding of fractions as numbers. Students will be using the following vocabulary to help them discuss their fraction knowledge: partition(ed), equal parts, fraction, equal distance ( intervals), equivalent, equivalence, reasonable, denominator, numerator, comparison, compare, greater than, less than, justify, and inequality.

**Reader’s Workshop**

It was exciting to see the students explore point of view with their various biographies. We did a project called “If your character had Instagram.” The students had to take on the persona of the person they were studying. Please remember that homework biography projects are due this Friday, March 28th.

**3rd Quarter Case 21 Testing This Week**

Students will be taking the Case 21 assessments on March 25th and 26th. Please remind them to take their time and to show their work. They are prepared and we are confident that they will do well!

* March 25th – Reading Assessment
* March 26th – Math Assessment

Please help us with the following, so your child will feel prepared. Students should:

* be well rested from the night before
* arrive at school by 9 am - so they have time to settle in
* have eaten a big breakfast

**WHEN WE RETURN:** We can’t wait to get started with our 4th quarter unit! The children have been loving every moment of science and social studies this quarter! It is a wonderful opportunity for students to apply their research skills. This unit explores geography, environmental literacy, plant growth and development, soil, communities and culture. We will be focused on why people and ideas change over time. Students will also discover interconnected systems in our world!

**Important Dates:**

**March 28th:** Snow day makeup & Student Homework Biography Projects Due!

**March 31st – April 4th:** Spring Break!

**April 7th:** Elective Registration forms go home **April 11th**: Elective Registration forms due!