

January 6, 2009

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a relaxing holiday break with family and friends. I want to start the New Year by wishing you and your family the best in 2009.

To help everyone get back into the routine, I want to update you on what your child will be learning during this new month.

Math: We began our measurement **M4** standards today with linear measurement. Chapters 15 and 16 in our Math book will be one of our resources. I have lots of hands on activities planned to teach these standards. We will continue to review multiplication and division.

Language Arts: I gave my students the second Literacy Place book today (Units 4-6). We will begin Unit 4 this week with our new story, "From Miss Ida's Porch." Adjectives (comparisons), possessive nouns, principal parts of regular verbs, contractions, diagramming sentences, capitalization, four types of sentences, adverbs, possessive pronouns, main/helping verbs, and quotation marks are the grammar skills that we will practice together during this unit. New spelling words will start today. Please give your child a pretest and have them write the words they miss three times and return the next day. We will begin an essay for the Military Child Education Coalition writing contest this week. Please discuss the themes with your child and fill out the permission slip (which is attached) so that I can submit his/her essay. We will begin the writing process on Thursday. My students are still required to read two Reading Counts chapter books (on their reading level) each month and pass the Reading Counts test. January books are due by Friday, January 30th. Please encourage your child to do his/her best and to read every evening for 30 minutes.

Social Studies: We are learning about the changes over time in the history of our country and will use Chapter 8, “The English Establish 13 Colonies,” as one of our resources. A new vocabulary list and study sheet was given to your child today. The test on this chapter will be on Wednesday, January 21st.

Science: Physical Science standard (S5b: measures, explains, and predicts the relationship between the strength of a force and its effect on the motion of an object) is our focus. Chapter 2 “Investigating Motion,” is one of our resources.

If you haven’t taken the online DoDea survey, you have until February 28th to do so. The link is on the school website or www.dodea.edu .

December 19th was the end of the second nine weeks grading period. Report cards will come home on January 14th. Thank you for sending your child to school each day with a good breakfast, a signed agenda, and a positive attitude. Please contact me at 706-545-4623 or Shelia.J.Brown@am.dodea.edu if you have questions or comments. Thank you for your support and help.

Sincerely,

Mission:

The mission of Edward A. White School is to develop student excellence in a diverse military community through a nurturing environment.

Vision:

Edward A. White School stakeholders aspire to provide an environment for student excellence in academics, behavior, and leadership that result in lifelong learners who contribute to a global society.