

Dear Parents,
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Spelling word lists in the new **Reading** series we are piloting have been a real challenge. Not just learning to spell the words, but also understanding the vocabulary and meaning of the words. I want to commend the kids for hanging-in-there, listening, and practicing these often brand new words to learn. They are doing a great job!

In **Science** we started a conversation about natural resources, renewable and nonrenewable, and the effects of using fossil fuels for energy. We'll continue with the importance of recycling and reusing.

Social Studies Weekly introduced the Native American tribes of the U.S. Regions in December. The students made a "winter tell", and we'll continue working on our totem poles in the new year.

English class can now resume with our research on inventions and inventors. Students will be writing a short biography about an inventor of their choice.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Michele Durbahn