Mrs. Cavazos’ Weekly News #16

**Academic Focus for the Week**:

**Science**: Space and Earth

**Math:** Collection of coins

**Language Arts**:

*Reading*

* Reading Strategies
* Make Inferences and draw conclusions about the structure and elements of fiction/expository text and provide evidence from text to support understanding.

*Writing*- the Writing process with beginning middle and ending.

**Social Studies**: Making Choices/ Cultural Celebrations Folktales and legends.

**Spelling Words**: *The Floss Rule* if a one syllable base word ends in a final f, l, and s immediately after a short vowel, the final f sound is spelled ff, the l sound is spelled ll and the s sound is spelled ss. (sniff, staff, stiff, fill, dress, regress, hiss, confess, kiss, miss, ill, pill) **Challenge words**: Kwanzaa, Dreidal, and Hanukkah

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a great weekend despite the cold temperature. You have been invited to join living tree, we will begin using this as a way to communicate with our class group/school. My calendar will be posted on living tree. It will include parent readers, homework, special events, field-trips, etc. If you see a date that has not been taken for parent reader, please email me and I will post your name on the calendar. I hope this will make it easier to communicate with everyone. There is a Living Tree App for your phone that you can download for free. I have been able to take pictures and upload faster. However, I cannot upload as many photos at a time.

We will begin our holiday cultural rotation this week.

* My class will begin on Tuesday with Kwanzaa in Ms. Leu’s classroom.
* Wednesday Mrs. Sharpe will teach my class about Native Americans.
* Thursday they will learn about the Jewish Holidays in Mrs. Wallace’ classroom.
* Friday they will end with me teaching them about La Posada and the Legend of the Poinsettia.

 The children will learn from books, do crafts, and possibly taste food, play games, and participate in a pow-wow. It should be an enriching experience for all. I will have teachers take pictures of my class as they rotate throughout so I can upload them to our class group. I will still use our website too.

Thank you for all you do and have a terrific week!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cavazos

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