

Dear Parents,

Highlights from this week to discuss with your child:

1. We are on chapter 16 of our novel study, **Snow Treasure** by Marie McSwigan. Our new vocabulary words are: raging, battered, pummeled, and seeped. (These words were describing the 3 day blizzard Norway experienced.) The students are doing a fantastic job of integrating their new vocabulary words into everyday language and finding them in other books. Let's get serious about increasing our vocabulary...pick one word from our list and make a family challenge to use it as often as possible during dinner time.

2. Let's keep the excitement, the learning, and the winning going strong. We are almost halfway through our Olympic Math Challenge. Grand prize is \$15,000. Plus the students persuaded me to have an ice cream party if we win. This in itself shows some real deductive reasoning going on in their heads. They remembered how fondly I talk about ice cream and immediately jumped at the chance to convince me of a worthy reason to indulge. :) We are determined to be weekend math warriors. If you misplace your password or username, let me know, I can resend it to you.

I am hearing some inspiring thoughts in class as we strive to complete every level. Class Quotes: "I must be from Norway because I keep winning and winning and winning!" "Mrs. Teresa, Mrs. Teresa, I won the gold AND silver!!!!" "I can show you." "Oh, I get it!" and "I want to do math all day and all night!"

We have 6 students in our class that are ranked in the top 500 in the nation!!!!!! This is an attainable thing. What is your favorite ice cream flavor?

3. On Thursday we had a special activity about the circulatory system presented by Mr. Chris. Ask your child: What was used to model our oxygen? What was used to model our veins? What was used to model our arteries? What part of the body were you during the demonstration? If we did it again, what part of the body would you like to be? Why?

4. Ms. Stephanie from the library comes this Wednesday. Ask your child what songs you hope Ms. Stephanie will sing with us. Ask your child to demonstrate reading a book the way Ms. Stephanie reads a book. It is quite a treat!

5. We are still coloring and labeling the continent of Asia in preparation (*vocabulary word) for the "Celebrations of Cultures" **Friday, March 2nd from 6 to 8 pm.** This event is brought back by popular demand from last year. I will be there. On Thursday, we had a special presentation by "Superman" (ask your child for his real identity). He showed us pictures and seashells from India. We will be adding the Himalayas, seashells, and the magic plant to our continent of Asia today.

Your partner in education, Mrs. Teresa Pape :)

