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## News from Ms. Jackett's Class

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Hello! Here is a summary of what has been going on in our class:

- ✓ In writing, we have continued with summarizing and writing friendly letters. After break, we will move on to writing a literary essay. This skill is difficult to master and is an important foundation for writing throughout their years in school.
  - ✓ In reading, we finished up with reading mysteries. They will take the unit test tomorrow for that. We had a lot of fun with this unit! Next up will be a character study. I haven't chosen the read aloud book yet as there is so much rich children's literature with fantastic characters to choose from!
  - ✓ In math, we finished up Mission 3 on Friday. The tests went home today or if you didn't see it, your student put it in the mailbox to put it in the Thursday folder. Most students did very well. As I have said multiple times, it is the two step word problems that continue to be difficult for them. Any extra practice that you can give them would be appreciated. After break, we will move on to Mission 4 which is mainly how to calculate area and perimeter as well as solve problems about area and perimeter.
  - ✓ in science, we have moved on to Invisible Forces. This unit will give students a new understanding of the invisible pushes and pulls that operate in the world around them. They will realize that understanding forces will let them do surprising things — from building a sturdy bridge from paper to using the pull of a rubber band to send a cardboard "hopper" flying. What students learn in this unit will connect to the world around them, leading them to think about such things as the force of friction as they slide down a playground slide or the invisible force that makes magnets cling to the refrigerator. Hands-on activities focus on engineering, investigation, and discovery.
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### Upcoming Events

#### December 22

Winter Break Begins – enjoy your time with family and friends

#### January 8

Classes resume

#### January 15

No School – MLK Day

### Gratitude

My move to UPark has been so good for me. I learn so much from your children about coming together for the common good, relying on one another, working together as a community and the power of positive attitudes and thinking. I am full of gratitude for my students and their families. You all make my days bright, the kids make me laugh, and I am so lucky to have each and every one of your children in my class. They are wonderful and so are you! Thank you for being my partner in educating your children. Enjoy the holidays & happy new year!

- Dana Jackett