January 6, 2014

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! It was wonderful to have so many parents join us for the Culture Potluck. I would also like to extend a very sincere thank you for all the wonderful cards, gifts, and treats.

Math focus during 3rd quarter will be fractions, fractions and more fractions with decimals, percentages and ratios thrown in for good measure. Our first literature study for the quarter will be *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan. Students will be divided into reading groups but the whole class will be reading the same book. We will continue to learn about Arizona but will begin an exploration of the regions of the United States as well. In addition to working on science fair projects, we will also attempt to raise trout and study living structures when the crayfish arrive in the classroom.

I handed out instructions for the 3rd quarter book report and all students should begin looking for a biography of an individual who interests them as they will be completing a timeline of this person’s life. This book report is due no later than Wednesday, February 19th. If you have questions about this project, please ask ☺.

This month’s current event is one of “international” interest and should be about an event taking place anywhere in the world except the United States. This current event is due no later than Wednesday, February 5th.

Progress Reports will be distributed at the end of the day tomorrow.

Looking forward to a great year!!

Sincerely,