Dear Room 11 Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope your break was as nice as mine. Thank you, again, for the lovely holiday gifts. I hope you received my thank you cards that I sent from Hawaii. I'm ready for 2019!

Reminders: If you have received **Flat Stanley** from his adventures, please bring him in by this **Fri., Jan. 11,** for your child to share. Then he will go up on the wall in the hallway.

Tomorrow, you will find a packet with the January homework in your child's red bag. There are two math games to play this month: **Counters In A Cup** and **On The Line Subtraction**. The students will be introduced to both games in class this week.

The reading homework this week will be the **December Poem Book**. Please enjoy, share, sing - and praise the reading skills!

Also, I am sending home the **Scholastic Book Club** order forms for January. Please complete your ordering by this Friday or soon thereafter. Online is always the easiest.

In Math, we continue to explore and practice subtraction from 10 and addition with sums moving up towards 20. Subtraction strategies are the reverse of addition strategies: counting "off", backwards split to "Friendly 10", knowing the fact families - which includes knowledge of doubles, etc. Please continue to practice math games at home. Thank you for using the math strategy vocabulary that we are using in the classroom.

This month, we will begin to study non-fiction writing through examples in literature. The students will then begin to learn about and write opinion pieces. This will lead to a writing assignment on Martin Luther King, Jr.

Aloha,
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Volunteers This Week
W   Library 9:55-10:50   Katie Fort
TH   Art 9:55-10:50 (Group B)   Matt Hollander

On the Calendar
Tue., Jan. 15   Family Game Night, auditorium 5:30-7:00
Mon., Jan. 21   No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Tue., Feb. 5   100th Day of School
Feb. 18-22   Mid-Winter Break
Thu., Feb. 28   Math Night
Tue., Mar. 5   Field Trip-creek restoration, Tiburon Marsh on Ring Mountain 10:30-12:30

Sight Words: way, find, use, may, water