<u>January</u>

Welcome to a new year! I hope everyone had a long, relaxing break with family and friends!



As we ring in 2018, it is so important that we do not lose focus and motivation as students build their reading, writing, and math skills! Our class goals for 2018 involve:

- -Students "filling each other's bucket" to promote classroom community.
- -A new and improved job chart to promote responsibility.
- -Clear expectations for choice time
- -introduction to book baggies and book shopping! This means that students will now take home up to 5 books per week to borrow!

## ELA:

Students are beginning bend 2 of the same units for reading and writing. They are using their "Super Reader" powers to tackle some tricky words. Students are working on pointing to words, reading snap words, and referring to the picture and sounds.

Students are also using writing tools such as personal word walls, checklists, and vowel charts.

## Math:

Students are beginning chapter five, which focuses on addition. Students will visualize and conceptualize word problems, using strategies such as modeling with math tools and drawing sketches to show an answer. We will continue to use counters and 10s frames to demonstrate.

## Reminders

January 15h- Dr. Martin Luther King Day- SCHOOL CLOSED

- Be on the lookout for a NYC Public Library field trip to continue our practice of partner reading/reading tutors with Mr. Wagner's class!
- Make sure to read with your child and practice sight words EVERY
   NIGHT. Please check the folder daily for homework and notices.

Congratulations to our "Mouseketeer of the Month" Papa! We are so proud of him for using his words to speak to his teachers and friends! He is also showing improvement with staying on green! Awesome work Papa!