



## 2P January News

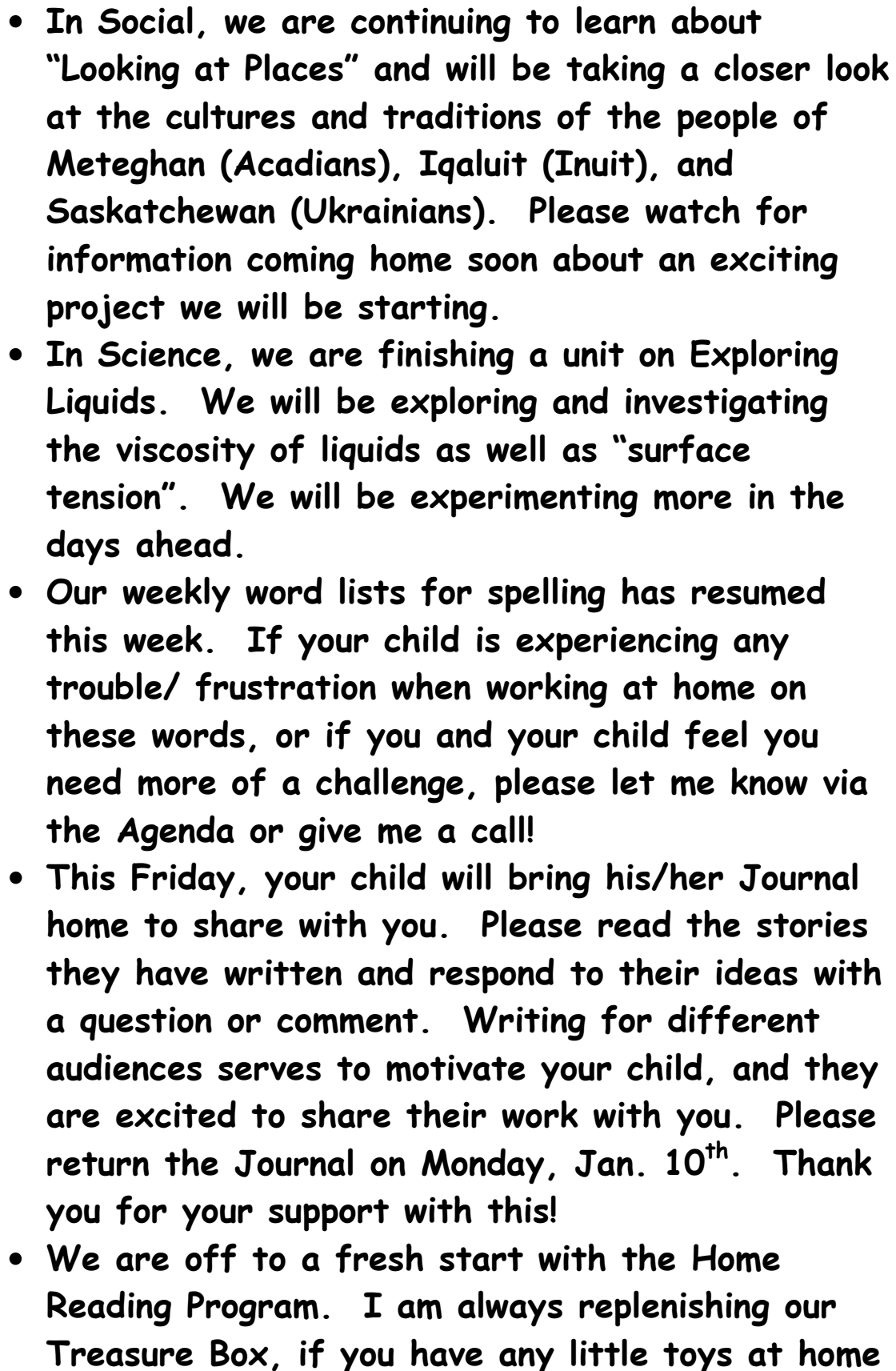
January 2011

Dear Parents:

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you had a restful and relaxing holiday with your families and managed to stay warm in this crazy deep freeze we have been in! Firstly, I would like to thank all who sent in yummy snacks for our Christmas party. We had a busy but fun day, and were cozy in our PJ's! As well, thank you so kindly for the thoughtful and generous gifts. I was humbled and feel very fortunate to teach these amazing kids.

Well, we are back to the grind and have a busy month ahead. The following will outline some important notes for the following weeks:

- We have revisited goal setting in our class and will be writing them on our own individual star in our classroom. We have talked about baby steps and what we can do each day to help us reach our goal. We will discuss these in further detail at our Celebration of Learning in March.

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- In Social, we are continuing to learn about “Looking at Places” and will be taking a closer look at the cultures and traditions of the people of Meteghan (Acadians), Iqaluit (Inuit), and Saskatchewan (Ukrainians). Please watch for information coming home soon about an exciting project we will be starting.
  - In Science, we are finishing a unit on Exploring Liquids. We will be exploring and investigating the viscosity of liquids as well as “surface tension”. We will be experimenting more in the days ahead.
  - Our weekly word lists for spelling has resumed this week. If your child is experiencing any trouble/ frustration when working at home on these words, or if you and your child feel you need more of a challenge, please let me know via the Agenda or give me a call!
  - This Friday, your child will bring his/her Journal home to share with you. Please read the stories they have written and respond to their ideas with a question or comment. Writing for different audiences serves to motivate your child, and they are excited to share their work with you. Please return the Journal on Monday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support with this!
  - We are off to a fresh start with the Home Reading Program. I am always replenishing our Treasure Box, if you have any little toys at home



that you would like to recycle, we can put them to use for reading rewards! Thank-you!

- In Math, we are continuing our learning on Number Sense. Our focus will center around adding and subtracting and applying various mental math strategies such as: using doubles, one more-one less, two more-two less, building on a known double, and thinking addition for subtraction, among others...
- Please watch for information coming home about a Science Fair on Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>. All grades are invited to participate!
- Scholastic book order is due this Friday for those wishing to order this month.
- We are at the Agrena skating twice this month! (See calendar). If you are able to come tie skates, please write me a note in your child's Agenda. Any help would be much appreciated. Thank you in advance!

**Happy New Year to all!**

**Yours in Education,**

**Tamara Prest**