Humanities

Welcome back! We hope everyone had an amazing holiday with their families! We wrapped up our *Colonial America* unit before break, so now we are moving back into *Wonders*. We will start with Unit 5 Week 1, which focuses on realistic fiction. Students will read various stories to identify how the characters' feelings changed from the beginning to the end and how the author used figurative language to explain certain feelings. We will also study the following vocabulary words: disdain, genius, focus, superb, prospect, stunned, transition, perspective and have a quiz on Friday, 1/8! Since we are back in Wonders, we will be using our **English Language Arts Google Classroom** page each day!

STEM   Students will complete a short assessment/quiz this week (most likely Thursday, 1/ 7) to show mastery of finding volume – length x width x height or area/base x height. Then, we will move into making connections between the box/window method to learning how to multiply whole numbers using the standard method.

Students will use estimation to check to be sure their answer is reasonable. However, students will continue to practice multiplication and division facts using Xtramath so they compute accurately. Ask your child about using "swimming lanes" as a strategy to organize their written work.

Xtramath:

Week of January 4 – 3 times   Week of January 11 – 3 times
Week of January 18 – 2 times   Week of January 25 – 3 times

During the week of January 18, students will complete the Unit 3 Part 2 test (most likely Friday, January 22 with the review on Thursday, January 21).

Then, during the week of January 25, we will review for the January County Math Benchmark Test, which students will complete on Thursday, January 28 and Friday, January 29.

There are optional activities loaded each week for students if they would like or need extra practice.

In science, we will analyze our results after recording data from our water filter investigation. Way to go, Deirdre Myers, for sharing results from her own water filter investigation she completed at home. 😊

Even though it's only January, we're going to start collecting photos for our Fifth Grade Celebration in June. We are asking for a baby or toddler picture of your child so we can use it in the slideshow! Please email the picture to Mrs. McKeever at hemckee@carrollk12.org (Just make sure you include your child's name in the email, so I know who it is a photo of!)
Please email your photo by **Friday, 1/29**.
We appreciate your help in getting organized and ready for the big day! Have fun choosing your cutest, most favorite photo to share! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.