## Good Afternoon Parents,

The class did a lot of wonderful work this week. In math, they have been practicing their addition and subtraction fact knowledge, and have been using several strategies to solve subtraction problems. In language arts, we learned about folktales and read a very funny story called <u>Interrupting Chicken</u> by David Ezra Stein. The students talked about the different elements of the story, including what lesson the story was trying to convey. We concluded our study of Dr. King by writing about our own dreams. We have begun learning about American symbols. Students learned what a symbol is and designed a symbol that represented them. They shared their symbol with a partner and explained why that symbol represents them. We will continue our study of symbols next week by learning about the different symbols of our country, including the Statue of Liberty and our flag.

Next week, we will revisit the idea of how long ago is different than today with our reading. We will continue our long vowel learning with long o and long u words. Thank you for supporting your children with our spelling homework. The tic tac toe board is designed to give the students a variety of practice with their spelling words. Giving students the chance to practice a little each night really helps reinforce the learning that is going on in the classroom.

## Winter Assessments

Next week will be the last week for after school assessments. Students will be completing computer based tests as well as one-on-one tests with me. <u>Please keep an eye on the</u> schedule as pick up times will be changing temporarily over the next couple of weeks.

## Important Dates

Let's Build It Night! Tonight at 6pm 1/28-2/1: No Mustang Academy (Assessments Continue)- All students dismissed at 2:10pm, 1:50pm on Wednesday Wednesday, January 30th- Our 100th Day of School!

Thursday, February 14th- Valentine's Day (Information about activities will be coming home shortly.)

Thank you again for your communication and support. Have a wonderful weekend. Sincerely, Mrs. Sarkany