Mr. Zimmer’s Newsletter

*For December 4th - December 8th, 2017*

**Math** Please see my website (*mdzimmer.weebly.com*) for additional math resources. Look under “Useful Links”, then scroll down to the Engage NY materials. There are lessons, videos, even homework help!

***It would be a good idea for students to practice their basic multiplication facts nightly, for 5-10 minutes. There are several apps that are very helpful with this ☺***

The following topics will continue to be developed, and assessed by week’s end.

* Multi-step word problems involving area and perimeter
* Solving multiplication problems using the area model, partial products, and/or the standard algorithm
* Assessment over area and perimeter by week’s end

**Vocabulary** Terms for the week, with an interest in multiple-meaning words, synonyms, and the suffix *-ly*.

* Rugged – 1 rough and irregular; 2 full of hardship and trouble; 3 stern and enduring
* Conceal –to hide
* Amiable – friendly
* Dubious – doubtful or uncertain
* Blurt – to utter impulsively or abruptly
* Sandwich – 1 an edible substance between slices of bread; 2 to insert between two things

**Reading** In-class texts used include excepts from ***The Wizard of Oz***. Skills and strategies covered will include the following.

* Analyze the elements of a story
	+ Character
	+ Theme
	+ Point of View
	+ Perspective

**Writing** We will continue our current writing unit – literary analysis, focusing on the below.

* Stating your thesis
* Locating supporting evidence within multiple text sources
* Interpreting this evidence as support for your thesis
* Concluding your argument

**Social Studies** This week, we will complete our study of the American government. Our focus will be on the following topics:

* Political parties
* The voting process

**Other**

* Please sign and return your child’s mid-quarter report.
* Demonstration by the Harlem Wizards on Thursday.
* Presentation by the Illinois Department of Agriculture on Thursday.
* If anyone is willing to act as host for the class Christmas party, please contact me ☺