

# Room 219 News

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## Happy New Year!



### **Starting The New Year Of Right**

As we work hard building skills to prepare our students as 6th graders, students will continue their At Home Reading Program throughout the remaining months to build life-long reading habits. It is important that the students get in a routine of reading every night (even the choice days) so that they learn how to organize and schedule their time appropriately.

I ask that you continue supporting your children by questioning them about the book that they have chosen to read and to continue filling out their reading calendars so the students can submit it at the end of the month.

The students seem to enjoy the use of the online blog for weekly reading responses, so we will continue using that for a while longer. I know that sometimes Internet Providers and technical difficulties may make reading response entries a challenge at times, so students have been informed that submitting a written response is perfectly fine when a computer response isn't working out.



### **NWEA Testing: Round 2**

When January rolls around, we know that the second round of NWEA testing can't be to far in the future. The Madawaska Elementary School will be giving students the second round of NWEA testing at the end of this month. Please check your student's mail in the upcoming weeks for exact testing

dates. As always, it's a good idea to prepare for the NWEA's with healthy eating and a regular sleep routine so that the students are ready to show their best work and give the test their best efforts!

### **OWLS Behavior**

Since we have been in school for several months AND we have had a long break period from school this past week, it is a great time for the students to have some OWLS behavior lesson reviews. Over the next couple of weeks, the students and I will be reviewing classroom, playground, bus, cafeteria, hallway, and bathroom behaviors so that things at MES keep running as smoothly as they were before the Christmas break.

If you haven't witnessed the changes at MES, now is a good time to stop in a see for yourself. You will be amazed at how the students have adopted the OWLS philosophy and how our entire school is operating. Remember, at Madawaska Elementary, we:



### **Dates to Remember:**

Wednesday, Jan. 11: Early Release Day

Monday, Jan. 16: No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day.