## News from the Classroom

3rd/4th ELA with Mrs. Sheehan

Spelling: The children put their spelling packets in their binders on Friday. (If you don't see them let me know and I can send a copy of the pages) Have them complete ONE page A NIGHT beginning with the Trace/Copy/Write. We will not be testing on these words until Thursday, Feb. 21st.

**Grammar:** The **Third grade** focus is on abstract nouns and adjectives The **fourth graders** focus is on Progressive Verbs and adjectives.

Writing: While the children will continue to write Opinion paragraphs, we are also continuing to work on writing narrative stories that include a beginning (introduction: hook, setting, character and plot introduced), middle (plot sequentially developed to a problem or event), and a conclusion (problem solved or event brought to a close) If the children choose to type their writings on google documents they can share the writing with me for comment and editing. Share with vsheehan@stlukeshoreline.org.

Reading: Each of the children worked on reading Chapters 5 and 6 in their books. They have glued in their question sheets to their "Reading Journals" and both should be in their binders. These can be completed during a snow day. If these are finished, have the children continue reading the next two chapters of the book either with you or on their own a for each day we have a snow day. Remember this is IF we have snow days otherwise we will read them and discuss at school.

Third grade will be reading <u>Knights at Dawn</u> for the next few weeks. Fourth Grade will be reading <u>Knights of the Kitchen Table</u>. Every two chapters has comprehension questions to answer.

Remember that every night your child should read 10-15 min. and when they finish a book take an AR test on the book. 3rd grade needs 5 AR point a trimester and 4th 10 AR points a trimester.