

December 6, 2024

# The Rocker's Report

Class Newsletter



For over 20 years students at the IC have been donating gifts to help out the Giving Tree. We have been asking 3rd graders to donate Winter hats, mittens, or gloves for babies through teen sizes (not stretchy gloves please). If you are able to donate an item or two, please send them with your child before December 10th. The Giving Tree committee greatly appreciates

any donations.

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## News from the PTO

\*Our K-5 PTO is gearing up for **Monday night's (December 9th) Craft Night!** We will be **crafting from 5-8 PM!**

\*Our \$5 Star Donation fundraiser is in full swing! Your generous donation will help us support our Snack Attack program as well as the many other things we fund for our students and staff! You can send cash or check to school with your child or send us a Venmo @MoHoK5PTO!

## Academics:

**Reading/language arts-** We have gone from zoology to biology in CKLA. We are currently learning about the bones, their purpose and how they function. We're learning the scientific names for many of the bones including: cranium, scapula, sternum, femur, tibia, fibula, ribs and more. We are also learning there are 3 main kinds of joints: the ball and socket, hinge, partially moveable and immovable. **Please ask your child to tell you what they are:** ball and socket (shoulder, hip, ankle), hinge (elbow, knee, fingers), partially moveable (rib cage) and immovable (skull)

Ask them to tell you why bones are important. They give your body shape and protect important organs.

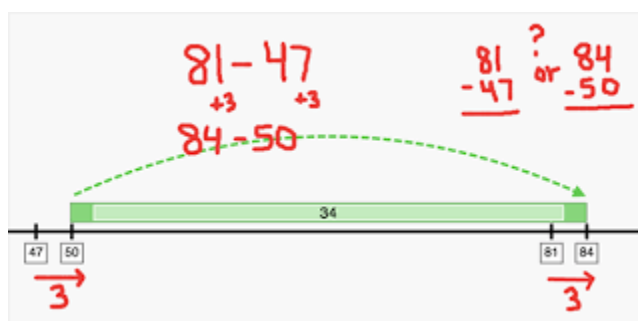
Dis- and mis- are the prefixes that we have been learning about. Dis- means "not" or the opposite of and mis- means "incorrectly" or "wrong"

**Spelling-** It is so important that you find time to study the spelling words/rules. We write it every night in the assignment notebooks. Even if you just practice a few words each night, it would be beneficial. This lesson's words are all about following different rules to make words plural. Most often you just use a -s but if the word ends in a "hissing" or "air let out of the tire" sound, then we add -es. Other times the word is irregular (child/children deer/deer knife/knives).

**Math-** We have been working on a variety of strategies for addition and now we've moved onto subtraction.

If you teach your child the standard algorithm, please make sure they understand why they are carrying or borrowing so they could explain it to others.

Today we learned about the strategy called the constant difference (see image). It is a great strategy to use if the number you're subtracting is close to a "friendly" aka "landmark" number.



**Number Corner-** This month we are working with fractions again, but instead of a number line, we are dividing squares into equal groups and watching for the pattern. We are also collecting items, weighing them on a balance scale, and adding them to our running total. Our goal is to collect 1,000 grams before we go on break.

## Important Information/Reminders:

- ☐ Early Release- December 9 @ 12:40 pm.
- ☐ Giving Tree- Last day to donate is Dec. 10th/assembly
- ☐ Winter party- December 20 from 2:15-3:15
- ☐ Winter Break-December 21- January 1
- ☐ Return to school- January 2

## Special Star

Amai is our special star this week. She is celebrating her birthday today, December 6th. Maybe she will get her favorite meal of cheesy chicken and rice. Amia loves basketball. Art is something else she does well. Every day after school, she walks with her cousin Keylan. How to Catch Santa tops her list of favorite books to read. She really likes the song “Did Your Boots Stop Working?”, while The Descendants is her favorite movie. One thing Amai does to help around the house is she plays with her brother. She would like to visit both Hawaii someday. When Amia grows up, she would like to be an animal doctor.

