Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope that you had an enjoyable and restful winter vacation. Our students have gotten off to a great start in 2015! We’ve included an overview of what we will be learning this month. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child’s teacher with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,
The Third Grade Teachers

Important Date:
January 19th - School Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Math
Our mathematicians have been introduced to division concepts with a focus on distinguishing between equal groups and the number in each group. Students are writing and solving division equations using different strategies. These strategies include using number lines, making models, and repeated subtraction. Students are reminded to practice multiplication and division facts on a nightly basis.

ELA
Readers and writers will begin Unit 2 - Connecting Character, Culture, and Community in our ReadyGEN program. Learners will explore content to understand that people have rich cultural heritage and traditions. Students will use text-based evidence to draw conclusions about the characters in literary texts. In writing, students will use dialogue and action to create narratives.

Social Studies and Science
Word travelers have completed our Social Studies Unit on Africa. As a culminating activity, students were asked to imagine that they were visiting Nigeria and to write a letter or report, explaining Nigeria’s culture. We are now moving on to Unit 3 - and our study of China.

In Science, we are learning about the different forms of energy and how we use them in our everyday lives.