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Hello Room 16 Families,

Here's a quick snippet of what we are doing in Room 16.

I will be out tomorrow and Friday (1/18 and 1/19) for a memorial service and other services for the unexpected passing of my Uncle.

Writing: Students brainstormed ideas about topics they could teach another person. We discussed making sure we have a "just right" topic because it can be difficult to write about a topic that is too broad or too narrow. We will continue to look at the table of contents we created to help with the content we want to focus on.

Reading: We have moved into our Nonfiction Unit. We will be learning about using features of nonfiction texts to enhance our understanding of a topic and how to focus on slowing down to pause while reading non-fiction texts, so they could reflect on what they have read and remember important information. Students will practice how to help them make sense of the most important thought of a text and the details which support it.

During this unit, students should be reading some nonfiction, but they can also keep their fiction reading going. The choice is up to them how much time they will spend on each. Many students have asked to borrow books from our classroom library and I have told them that they are more than welcome to do so.

Math- During the next few weeks, our class will be learning about division. We will learn how division is related to subtraction, and how multiplication and division are inverse operations. Please continue to practice multiplication facts at home.

Science- To kick off our next Science unit, tomorrow we will have an in-school field trip with the Palo Alto Junior Museum. Your donations made this possible, so thank you!. Tomorrow's presentation will be about static electricity. Students will learn how electricity is present in more than just electronics. They will perform static experiments and interact with a Van de Graaff generator.

Social Studies- Please remember that doll slips for the Heritage Doll project are due Friday. I have already had students ask to trace a doll because they can't seem to find it. If the project didn't make it home, you may find the directions at <https://www.inclasswithmrspeters.com/projects.html>.

-Mrs. Peters