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**Aloha News**

**Daily Specials: (Reminder)**

As a reminder, our Daily Specials are based on an ABCD Rotation. Today’s special was GYM, which makes it a “C” day. Next week, students will need Gym shoes on Monday.

 **“A” Media**

 **“B” Music**

 **“C” Gym**

 **“D” Technology**

**Writing Workshop Volunteers**

**Writing Workshop will resume again the week of January 17th. Please look for tentative schedules to come home this week. I’ll get a final schedule out as soon as everyone confirms.**

**If you haven’t already indicated an interest in helping during Writing Workshop, and you’d like to join us 1 or 2 times during the month, please let me know and I’ll add you to the schedule.**

**Winter Weather**

Please remember that your child will be going outside for recess each day unless the wind-chill is simply unbearable. In addition to winter coats, students need snow pants, boots, hat, & mittens.

(AND shoes to be worn inside the classroom)

**Send in those BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION! We’re competing in a contest to collect the most Box Tops!**

**I’m excited to announce that Autumn Hogle will begin student teaching in my classroom next week! Mrs. Hogle is a student at Grand Valley State University and she is very eager to begin this next phase of her education. Look for a letter of introduction to come home next week!**



**Spelling Review**

**The 2nd marking period ends in a couple of weeks. A review spelling test will be given over the sight words for the 2nd quarter sometime next week. Please make sure your child is practicing these sight words, reading and writing them!**

**Social Studies**

We’ll begin a new Social Studies unit this week…”Where is My Community and What is it Like There”. This unit explores the five major themes of geography: location, place, human/environmental interaction, movement, and region. The first few lessons investigate mapping and mapping within our community. Following up on mapping will be lessons that explore the places where people shop, work, and play. New vocabulary terms you may hear include: map, map key, direction words, symbol, and location.