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**Aloha News**

**Writing Workshop**

**This week, we’ll finish our unit on Personal Letters. I would encourage you to continue providing your child with opportunities to write personal letters at home. Writing letters is an important skill, regardless of the era of technology. Besides, everyone LOVES to get personal mail!**

**Our next unit will be writing “How-To” books. Writing and illustrating step-by-step directions helps kids think in simple, sequential order. This is typically a high-interest unit for students!**

**Daily Specials: (Reminder)**

As a reminder, our Daily Specials are based on an ABCD Rotation. Today’s special was Technology, which makes it a “D” day. This week, students will need Gym shoes on Thursday.

 **“A” Media**

 **“B” Music**

 **“C” Gym**

 **“D” Technology**

**Looking Ahead**

**Please remember that Friday is a half-day, dismissing at 11:55 (teacher planning), and there is NO school on Monday, January 20.**

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

**Social Studies Update:**

This week, the focus of Social Studies will be “a community is divided into places where people do different things”. Students will explore the places where we live, work, and play and also begin learning about the natural characteristics and human characteristics of a community.



**From the Desk of Mrs. Hogle…**

As part of the requirements of elementary student teaching at Grand Valley, one of my lessons in the classroom will be videotaped. This video will only be viewed by my field coordinator and myself and will be done so on school premises. If you have any concerns about this, please contact Mrs. Slocum or myself at school during normal school hours.

**Swimming Update…**

**Our swimming program starts in a couple of weeks, so dust off those swimsuits! Our first day at the pool will be Friday, January 27. Look for more information to come home as the date draws near.**