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**Aloha News**

**Writing Workshop**

**Writing Workshop is the format we use to teach writing. After the daily mini-lesson and skill focus, students have independent writing time to apply the skills they’re learning.**

**Students choose their own topics during Writing Workshop and sometimes it can be more difficult for students to apply the skills they’ve learned if the writing topic is assigned to them. We’ve been practicing how to merge the two formats over the last couple of weeks. It’s a great review for students to see the same skills can apply to any form of writing!**

**Daily Specials: (Reminder)**

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

 **“A” Media**

 **“B” Music**

 **“C” Gym**

 **“D” Art (technology is done)**

**Reminder - SHOES**

**Please remember that your child needs to have shoes at school EVERY day during the winter months. We spend a lot of time sitting on the floor, which is carpeted, so boots aren’t allowed in the classroom.**

**3rd Quarter Spelling:**

Please look for the list of spelling words for the next marking period in your child’s folder TODAY. You’ll also find a pre/post test of the 2nd Quarter words your child has mastered.

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

**Math with Mrs. Hogle…**

This week we’ll begin a new unit in math, 3-D & 2-D shapes. In this pre-geometry unit students will observe similarities and differences among various shapes and explore special relationships. They’ll begin to learn vocabulary as it relates to geometry such as: points, line segments, parallel, quadrangles, and symmetry. We’ll continue to review Partial-Sums Addition throughout the unit as well. Please check your child’s mail folder for a “cheat sheet” that will help you support your child at home with this addition strategy.

**Swimming Dates:**

**February 2**

**February 14**

**February 28**

**Please remember that your child needs a towel and bag to carry items to and from the pool.**