**January Newsletter**

**Happy New Year!!**

**Literacy**

**This month our writing focus will be on sentence fluency. The students will be learning how to begin their sentences differently and making some sentences long and others short. They will also be focusing on making their sentences interesting and adding great word choice along the way.**

**Our writing form will focus on personal narratives. The students will be writing stories that are personal to them. They will have list of various writing prompts to guide them along the way.**

**Math**

**This month we will be focusing on addition and subtraction to 18. In this unit the students will:**

* **Show and explain the effect of adding and subtracting 0 from any number.**
* **Show an understanding of addition and subtraction with and without manipulatives**
* **Create and solve problems involving addition and subtraction.**
* **Use mental math strategies such as: doubles, making 10, one more and one less, two more and two less, relating addition and subtraction.**
* **Record equal and inequalities using the equal and not equal symbols.**

**You and Your World**

**This month we will be focusing on appreciating similarities and differences in people. We will also be talking about changes that happen in our community and to gain an understanding how we can contribute to change.**