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**Mrs. Balsamo’s**

**Classroom News – Week of November 27, 2017 and December 4, 2017**

**Homeroom – Math/Science/ Social Studies**

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| **Math**  **C:\Documents and Settings\kbalsamo\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\SNMZ7AW9\MC900290682[1].wmf**  **Investigations** | * Topic 8 – Two-Digit Addition * Deciding if ones need to be regrouped * Using models and manipulatives to solve two-digit addition problems * Writing equations vertically and horizontally |
| **Science**  **C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\MEDIA\CAGCAT10\j0305257.wmf** | **Natural Resources, Human Impact, Changes to Land (Wind and Water Erosion)**   * **Students are starting a study of THE LORAX as it conveys some deeper human and environmental issues. We will connect this story to what may be happening to some of our local wetlands. We are continuing our Arts Integration Education study where we will focus on the concept of INTERDEPENDENCE/ DIVERSITY. At the end of the year we will share our learning journey of this concept using a variety of artistic forms.**   **Key Vocabulary: reusing, recycling, pollution, litter, endangered, extinct, going green, landforms,** |
| **Social StudiesC:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\MEDIA\CAGCAT10\j0335112.wmf** | **Earth and Geography**   * **Students are beginning to learn about local challenges to our ecosystems due to land lost. We have already learned a great deal about Grand Isle and the Isle of Jean Charles.**   **C:\Documents and Settings\kbalsamo\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\W2BS1Z0P\MC900412400[1].wmfArt Focus: Students are using pastels to create leaf art showing the variety of leaves from a variety of environments. Our inspiration is Georgia O’Keeffe. Students have also spent some time exploring sculpting using pine needles. This was a great way to engage in artistic - and challenging - design thinking. We are learning a great deal about what inspires an artist through our study of soundscapes around the world and throughout time.** |
| **AssessmentC:\Documents and Settings\kbalsamo\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\WJQ6VVV9\MC900413636[1].wmf** | **Math:**  **Topics 5 – 7 Benchmark Testing Thursday, November 30, 2017 (Study Guide Due Complete by Wednesday.) Students will continue to practice this week. We were not ready before the before the break.**  **Topic 8 – End of Topic Test December 5, 2017**  **NOTE: ALL TESTS AND DUE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!** |
| **Notes** | * **My email address is** [**Kayla\_balsamo@lusherschool.org**](mailto:Kayla_balsamo@lusherschool.org) * **WISH LIST – COMPUTER HEADPHONES ARE MUCH NEEDED FOR OUR CLASSROOM!** |