Dear Parents,

I hope this finds your family doing well. Though the ice day may have left your child feeling both cheated and thrilled, we will have our book exchange and ice cream sundaes when school resumes January 6.

First, a shout out to Aubree, Destanee and Ethan for getting some fact practice completed on xtramath!

Secondly, your child does know and have their break homework in their agendas:

* Reading 50 minutes a day
* A simple practice packet
* Cook or bake something for someone to use their fraction and caring skills
* Xtramath information or any form of consistent fact practice

I thought you may want this information to nudge them into remembering. If they need some recipe ideas send them to <http://mrswalcott.weebly.com/assignments--projects.html> Some of them love the muffins I made for a birthday treat.

Finally, to make the transition back to school as easy as possible, maintain a sleep and activity schedule close to that of school. It is not pleasant to see them struggle, and a sleepy child functions like they are two years younger. Imagine a third grader trying to meet fifth grade expectations. YIKES, that’s no way to start the New Year! Visit <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2005/11/051111103748.htm> or <http://www.educationspace360.com/index.php/effects-of-sleep-deprivation-on-children-13685/> for more information.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

January 9 Vision Screening
January 13 Swim Party for NG at 6 pm
January 20 Records Day, no school
February 14 & 17 President’s Day, no school
February 24 Chicago Parent Meeting at 5:30 pm in the Anchor
February 28 Wax Museum Presentations, many parents choose attend in the afternoon

Enjoy this time with your child! It all comes to end too quickly.