News from Room 7:
There has been lots of cooperative learning happening in Room 7. We have been researching all about extreme weather storms including tornadoes, blizzards, hurricanes, and thunderstorms. While researching, we have been learning all about nonfiction text features and how they can help us locate information efficiently. Ask your third grader about nonfiction text features.

In math, we have been busy learning many strategies for solving multiplication and division problems. The students are working hard to recognize the relationship between multiplication and division. We are having fun skip counting and playing math games, too!

Literacy News:
This time of year lends itself to built-in opportunities for literacy enrichment. Let kids help make lists for giving and receiving. They can look in circulars and plan meals. Let them help by reading recipes and directions. Encourage them to help with holiday cards and send notes to loved ones. There is nothing better than getting a note and drawing from a "Little one". Share favorite stories and sing songs together.

News from Room 3:
Happy Holidays from the class of 2029! It has been an amazing month. They students have been learning about continents, oceans, holiday customs and two digit regrouping! We have been learning where the continents and oceans are. We even are able to label our own map! We have been traveling the world. We applied for a passport and have been visiting different countries learning about their holiday customs and traditions. We have been to Israel, Sweden, The Netherlands and Germany. Be sure to ask your child about the different things they have learned, food they have tried and games they have played from the different countries.

We are really flying in math. We are adding and subtracting two digit numbers! There are many strategies you can use to add and subtract; hundreds chart, rods and cubes, place value. After your student has tried all the different ways, they get to choose the way that works the best for them.

We are wrapping up a nonfiction unit in reading. After the holidays we will continue our cultural exploration by looking at Cinderella stories from around the world. We will compare and contrast these stories, as well as keeping track of where they stories are from on a map.

Have a wonderful holiday and don't forget to read and work on math facts over the vacation! The google classroom is there too as an option to work online on some skills. Happy Holidays!
News from the Library:
This month in the library, we were the recipients of one hundred dollars given to us by Mrs. Joan Pearsons! She has generously donated to us other times in the past to purchase books. This time we decided to use the money to make "book boats". Three book boats were purchased, and the children loooove them! Book boats are bins that have pillows in them to sit on or prop yourself up in, and they provide a space for a child to quietly read without distractions. We call Mrs. Pearsons our "library angel" because she has been so sweet and has also generously donated her time to read with many students in our school over the past couple of years. Her grandson is a recent graduate of Mittineague and is currently a happy middle school student at WSMS.

Thank you to everyone who came out for the annual Mittineague Holiday Concert! It meant so much for your children to see you there and to have your support. All of the performances were wonderful and we are all so proud of all of our students!

PTO
The next PTO meeting of the year is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2019, from 5:00-6:00. We hope to see you there!

Thank you for all of your support with the holiday raffle! It is great fun to hear who won the prizes each day!

Word of the Week
appreciation (n.)
the recognition and enjoyment of the good qualities of someone or something

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
"Be Kind…Always"