**Woodland Elementary School**

**JANUARY 13, 2016**

**SEVERAL POINTS AND DATES OF INTEREST**

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**Let’s Read – Let’s Soar!**

Our students have read approx. 40 million words thus far this school year. Our goal is to read 125 million words by May 1st. We will be celebrating with a special field trip to the Jonesborough Repertory Theatre for a special performance if we reach our 125 M goal. We must keep reading, Team Woodland! Let’s make it happen!!!

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Reading ROCKS logs are due at the beginning of each month.

Please remember to read with your children each afternoon or evening. ☺ As your child is reading, be certain to ask him/her about their reading selection.

Example Questions/Guiding Points

Who are the main characters?

What is the plot (i.e., what is the story about)?

Talk about the sequence of events in the story. Etc.

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An Inspiring Thought...

Smile! There is so much beauty in the world, and you are part of it!

- Twitter@LifeStyle

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**Breakfast/Snow Delays**

* Please remember that breakfast will not be served on our Snow Delay Days.
* Breakfast is served free of charge for all Woodland students on all other school days.

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**Dates of Interest**

1. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday: January 18th (School will be closed).
2. Mid-Term Grading Reports: February 3rd
3. Snowflake Day: February 5th (School will be closed unless this day is needed for a Snow Make-up Day.)
4. PTA Meeting: February 16th @ 6 PM: Our third grade students will be performing under the direction of Mrs. Evans. TY, Third Grade Students and Mrs. Evans!
5. Grade 3 TN Ready Writing Assessment: February 22nd – 26th
6. Grade 4 TN Ready Writing Assessment: February 29th – March 4th
7. End of Third Quarter: March 11th
8. Spring Break: March 14 – 18th

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TY ~ TY ~ TY! Thanks to each of you who participated in our PTA Cookie Dough and Best Card Sales. We appreciate all that you do for our wonderful school!

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A message from the Principal

Dear Woodland Families ~

 January Greetings! We are so excited to be back in motion as we are off to an exciting 2016! We hope that everyone enjoyed a wonderful, healthful, and relaxing Winter Break!

 A VERY special thanks to each of you who donated new and gently used children’s books for our holiday Giving Tree. We received so many contributions for our student reading collection. We are using these particular books for our morning and afternoon reading time as students are in transition to their classrooms while waiting in the forum, waiting for afternoon buses, etc. Thank you, Woodland families, for all that you do! You are the BEST! ☺

 Please know that our students and teachers are working so hard as we continue learning many new reading, writing, language, and math skills. We are also making great connections through our weekly science and social studies lessons. A special thanks to you, as parents and grandparents, for providing homework time and reading connections at home.

 As always, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail should you have questions or concerns: reachk@jcschools.org or 434.5267. We appreciate each of you --- our Wonderful Woodland families!

With kindest regards,

Dr. Karen Reach

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**Student Council Soda Can Tab Collection**

Thanks to each of you who have contributed to this special Student Council project. We will continue to collect soda can tabs for the Niswonger Children’s Hospital. Our collection bin is located in the main hallway underneath our Reading Rocks’ bulletin board.

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**Title I News**

* Our next Family Engagement Evening ~ Exploring the Arts!
* When: Thursday, January 28th
* Time: 6 – 8 PM

Stay tuned for further detailing! Thanks to Mrs. Irwin, Mrs. Burgess, Mrs. Evans, and our Title I Planning Committee for their excellent plans in regard to this special event!

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**The Woodland L Connections (L = Leadership)**

As you probably know, we are providing weekly and monthly Leadership Connections for our students. In December, our focus was: Be Proactive. For January/February, our focus will be: Begin with the End in Mind. Please ask your students the meaning of these special leadership connections. Our goal is to assist students with using L connections at school and home as well as throughout the community.

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