



FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Franklin Families,

Happy new year! I hope that you enjoyed a restful, fun-filled winter recess! Here are some school highlights and important information to share:

- ❖ **Thank you so much!** On behalf of our staff, I extend heartfelt gratitude for your amazing outpouring of kindness and generosity during the holiday season. We are so fortunate to feel appreciated by our parent community and you spoiled us! We look forward to continuing to nurture our home-school relationships and putting forth our very best teaching practices throughout the latter half of the school year.

- ❖ **Indoor Recess enhancements:** Thank you to our PTO for supporting our purchase of nok hockey games and cup-stacking sets. We will create 4 structured areas within our gym for students to enjoy activities during indoor recess so that it is more enjoyable for them: a coloring area, nok hockey, cup-stacking (taught in gym class), and knockout game area. Students can also choose to sit along the sides to simply chat with friends or play other games of their choice. Thank you, Mrs. Burr, for providing guidance with these activities, product selection, and the best ways to use gym space. We will continue to explore ways to spice up indoor recess during these “cabin fever” winter months...

- ❖ **Classroom library enhancements:** Our teachers have invested the last couple of months taking a closer look at their classroom libraries to: purge outdated books; inventory their collections to see if genres are balanced and heartily stocked; ensure a wide range of leveled book offerings, note popular books/series; and research fresh, high interest additional collections. We have ordered hundreds of new books to strengthen and update our libraries, also enhancing our collections to complement each grade level’s curriculum units of study. I am sure that students will greatly enjoy these new additions!

- ❖ **Fifth grade reading & writing toolkits:** We are excited to launch a new strategy to support our young readers and writers. Students have set up binders with divided sections to create an organized system for gathering essential reference tools, drafts, and other resources that they can actively utilize with ease during their current units of study. This also prepares them for middle school’s similar organization system.

- ❖ **New district notification system:** Please take a moment to complete your Honeywell account registration in order to receive information about school closings, delayed openings, and possible district emergency information because the previous notification system will no longer be used. Directions can be found here on our district website: <http://www.summit.k12.nj.us/honeywell>

Looking forward to spending 2017 with your families,

Mrs. Dalia Mirrione