



# FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Franklin families,

We hope that you enjoyed a warm and toasty extended weekend! Here are a few bits of information to share:

- ❖ **The Story Pirates:** We thank our PTO for providing this imaginative, interactive assembly that provided lively performed skits of children's written stories. An SEF grant will complement this assembly by providing a series of related writing workshop sessions that began this week with our second graders. Students will compose original stories from which some will be chosen and performed as a culminating grade level assembly. This immersive, creative experience will undoubtedly be memorable for our young writers.
- ❖ **Snow play:** We take advantage of every opportunity to have children get fresh air and enjoy recess outdoors during these winter months, even if we have a "blue day" when it is too chilly for the entire 40 minutes but reasonable enough to enjoy outdoor play for 20 minutes. One of our special traditions here at Franklin is to enjoy snow play during recess on our field when the weather permits. If you would like your child to participate, please send in snow play clothing. For those who do not participate, students can still enjoy the blacktop and playground as conditions permit.
- ❖ **Staff news:** Our Franklin family has grown by one adorable little one! Mrs. Rego had a healthy baby girl named Eva over the winter break and we are thrilled for her! Mrs. Alfone is also due soon, as is Ms. Mallory. We welcome Ms. Schedlbauer who has already transitioned beautifully for Mrs. Alfone and Ms. Von who has been shadowing Ms. Mallory this week and will soon transition into her new role as well. We also welcome back Senora Benet, who was greatly missed!

Warmly Yours,

*Mrs. Mirrione*