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Friday Update

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Dear Families,

The last few days of sunshine have been very enjoyable - we have all appreciated the opportunity to be outside in the fresh crisp air. In the classrooms our students continue to make steady progress - engaging in our new literacy curriculum, math, science, and more. As we approach the halfway point of the school year I see this growth each day, especially when I visit our younger age classrooms where it's hard to not be impressed with the reading and writing taking place everyday.

Here are [some photos](#) from some recent classroom visits, holiday celebrations, and our final whole school assembly of the calendar year!

A couple announcements:

OBOB Update: OBOB (Grades 3/4/5): It's not too late to register your OBOB team — but you're running out of time! Registrations are due this weekend! Helpful links: [More info](#) or [register your team](#) Last call for OBOB team registration! If you haven't done so already, please register your team using this website: [Alameda OBOB](#). The deadline is tomorrow 12/17.

Holiday Book Lists: Hopefully you have time to do some reading this break. Here are a few lists: <https://www.differentiatedteaching.com/december-novel-studies/>; <https://www.learnersedge.com/blog/book-recommendations-winter>

As 2022 draws to a close, there is still some understandable concern and anxiety in our community. COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses have recently taken center stage, incredibly disheartening stories of gun violence continue to plague our neighborhood and throughout the city, and ongoing uncertainty around school funding raises real issues regarding our ability to support and nurture all of our students.

In the midst of this, our work goes forward. We know that schools must carry on, be open and ready to meet the needs of all our students. When we have a chance to step away from this task and take a break, it often recharges us and reminds us that we must carry on - as John Lewis said, "If not us, then who...?" Alameda has been here for over 100 years and with a great deal of certainty will carry on in the decades to come. Each member of our community has the opportunity to have a positive impact on our school and our students in the coming weeks, months and years. I look forward to continuing to partner with you, our staff and our students.

I hope that each of you enjoy a break from our weekly school routine and are able to connect with family and friends, find time for a good book, and have the opportunity to do the things that you enjoy most. Have a wonderful holiday and a great start to the New Year. We will see everyone on Tuesday, January 3rd!

Stay safe, Have Fun, and Be well.

Regards,
[Matt](#)

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