This was another busy week and with the cold weather thrusting itself upon us I am glad we have a break to warm up and spend time with family. Lug-a-mug on Tuesday was a huge success and much appreciated by everyone (thanks Web Leaders!) and the week continued to get busier with volleyball tournaments, some indoor recess days due to the extreme cold, intramural volleyball playoffs and an assembly today. I would like to take this time to thank you all for the Christmas/ Holiday cards full of kind wishes, thoughtfulness and generosity. I wish you and your families a wonderful holiday full of laughter, special moments with family and relaxation. All the best in the

New Year! Karen

Math

Over the past week we began our culminating activity (on Google Classroom) on calculating complex shapes and designing our area robots. Everyone is doing a really great job and robots are due January 17th. Looking ahead... in the new year we will review the concepts from our measurement unit and then prepare for the unit test at the beginning of the second week. Our next unit will be Geometry and we will begin with a focus on terminology and communicating our understanding of lines, line segments, rays, parallel and perpendicular lines. Students will also learn out to use a compass and create perpendicular and angle bisectors.

MUSIC (EMF7B)

This week students had their second playing test. For many, more practice is required outside of class time. Looking ahead... in the new year students will receive their first "band piece" and we will work on notation, time signatures and a variety of rhythms.

English

Over the past week students worked on punctuation and grammar. TUSC continues and I have reminded students to rehearse more so that they can focus on eye contact and audience engagement. Many students are using powerpoint but reading from the screen (because their work is written in prose rather than bullet points). WE WILL NOT HAVE TUSC ON JANUARY 8th. Looking ahead... in the new year students will peer editing their tall tale tabloids and focus on reading comprehension. A reading novel assignment will be given in the second week back in the new year.

On my website this week you will find:

- TUSC roles for January 15th (posted after Christmas)
- Link to the Winter Activity Days form

On Google Classroom students can find:

• Area Robots - DUE: January 17th

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