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Mrs. Christ's Message	Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed their winter holiday feeling invigorated, rejuvenated, and ready to enter yet another exciting journey of discovery, growth, and change in the New Year, 2008. I have many fun and interesting upcoming activities planned for my students and am ready to get them under way. I would like to express my deepest thanks to you all for the very generous holiday gifts that I received; I appreciate your thoughtfulness and kind words. Thank you for creating a sense of community and family among our class! ☺ Since it is a new year, we will be discussing New Year's Resolutions in class. We will talk about what this actually means and how it can pertain to success in the classroom. We will be paying close attention to the six pillars of character and student expectations, focusing on "responsibility" which is an essential key to success! As always, my expectations for my students remain high and I want them to work to their full potential, which means 100% + on a daily basis! We will continue to refer back to this regularly as self–motivation so that it becomes intrinsic, in turn strengthening their self-confidence, production, and quality of learning.
Important Dates	• LCH's reading program, "Books Ahoy!" January 16th – February 22nd • No School, Monday, January 19th Martin Luther King Junior's Birthday is observed. • LCH's Scholastic Book Fair, February 2nd – 6th • President's Day observed February 13th & February 16th, No School Friday and Monday!
Language Arts/ Reading/ Writing	• Theme 3: Story Title: "And Then What Happened, Paul Revere?" by Jean Fritz, Genre: Biography • *Instructional Concepts*: Evaluating, comprehension skill: author's viewpoint solution, structural analysis/spelling: final /er/ sounds, critical thinking & discussion, grammar: possessives and contractions, subject-verb agreement & irregular verbs, vocabulary development: synonyms, & written response: character sketch. • ***Literature Circle Novels:*** **Group #1:** *Rascal* **Group #2:** *Tuck Everlasting* **Group #3:** *From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankeweiler* **Group #4:** *New Novel Choice*
Mathematics	• Ch. 7 Objectives: Multiply/Divide Fractions: promote mastery of multiplication & division of fractions & mixed numbers. Estimation of products is emphasized, and properties of multiplication are extended to fractions & mixed numbers. Use strategies to solve problems & develop algebraic thinking. • Math 24, Math Tiles, and Sodoku
Science, Social Studies & Health	• Life Science: Systems of Living Things • From single cells to body systems: Students will explore cells and their functions and how tissues relate to organs.
P.E.	• Skill building, running & games
Kudos	• Thank you again for all of the support and volunteer participation December 20th for our class holiday celebration. All of you made it a memorable day and the kids thoroughly enjoyed every minute!
Star	• Due to a short week before break, there is not a new Star Student recognized. We are all starting off as "STARS" in the year 2009 and will continue to focus on exemplifying the following character traits: Trustworthiness, Responsibility, Respect, Fairness, Citizenship, & Caring.