

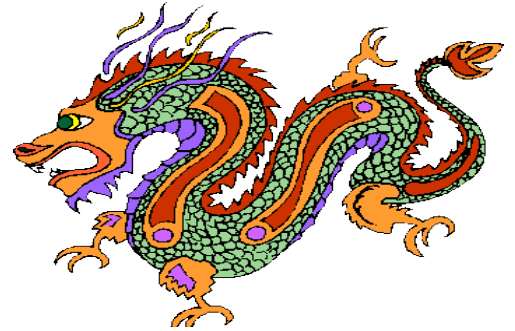
# The Lemke Letter

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## Chinese New Year - Year of the Dragon

The Chinese Year of the Dragon begins on January 23, 2012. Chinese New Year is a fifteen day holiday celebrated with lots of food, family reunions and visits with friends. "Gung Hay Fat Choy" means "congratulations" in Chinese, and is a traditional greeting of best wishes for a prosperous and good new year.



### Dates to Remember

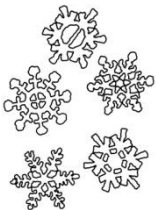
January 25<sup>th</sup> - Group and Classroom Pictures  
January 25<sup>th</sup> - Social Studies Test  
January 26<sup>th</sup> - Science Test  
January 30<sup>th</sup> - Dental Clinic  
February 13<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> - Year Books Sales - \$10 each

### Next Week:

**Science:** Chapter 4 Test - Thursday!  
**Math:** Measurements (length, angles, capacity)  
**English:** Writing sentences and paragraphs  
**Reading:** Vocabulary and Comprehension (ISAT Prep)  
**Social Studies:** Chapter 8 Test - Wednesday  
**Spelling/Vocabulary:** see back of newsletter for details

### Parent Information

#### Week in Review



As always, a good week in 5L. In Science, students finished up their biome projects that turned out great. I have to be honest with you, I was a little concerned Wednesday afternoon when I saw how much some of the students had left to do (even though I had been reminding them for over a week not to wait until the last minute). But, to my surprise, the kids pulled it together and most came in Thursday morning with AWESOME projects! In Math, students

#### Reading Goals

Just a quick FYI. Some students have asked that I set reading goals for them to help keep them on track when reading their independent books. I have been more than happy to do this, but know, it's not for a grade; just something the students wanted to do for themselves. I think it's great!!! So thrilled to see the students excited about reading!!

### Spelling/Vocabulary Words

condense	companion	confer
collide	conspire	monopoly
unicorn	unify	dual
bisect	triplet	trilogy
triathlon	quadrangle	quadruple

### Challenge Words

condensation	bicycle	triangle
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*See back of newsletter for daily spelling assignments.*

## Spelling/Vocabulary Words

For the next few weeks, spelling words will be words with specific prefixes, suffixes and roots the students will be studying. It is not only important the students know how to spell these words, but it is also important students know their meanings.

This week's focus: prefixes

<u>Prefix</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Sample Words</u> (not spelling words)
co, col, com, con-	<i>with, together</i>	cooperate, collect
mono, uni, bi, du-	<i>one two</i>	monocle, unit duet, bicycle
tri quad, quar	<i>three four</i>	tricycle, triple quart, quarter, quadruplet

## Daily Assignments

**Monday:** Definitions

**Tuesday:** ABC Order

**Wednesday:** Use in a sentence (Complete sentence showing understanding of the word.)

**Thursday:** 5x each

**Friday:** Spelling and Vocabulary Test