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# Room 11 News



Summit Street School

Essex Junction, Vermont 05452

## Important Dates

MLK Day—No School	
Teacher In-Service	1/18
International Dinner	
6:30 PM	1/26
Song Dudes Concert	
6:30-7:30 PM	1/29

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## The Three Rs

### Language Arts

It's time again for me to check the children's reading with our Fountas and Pinnell assessment tool. By reading individually with all the children I'll be able to determine their text levels, evaluate their comprehension skills, and check for oral reading fluency. Once gathered, this data will be invaluable and will inform subsequent instruction.

Our busy Writers' Workshop continues. Presently the children are writing realistic fiction, creating personal narratives during group work with me, and reflecting on the author's message in the book Six Crows. They are also continuing their exploration of Max Write on our computers, playing synonym word games with a partner and enjoying book



time at the Learning Center.

### Math

In Every Day Math, using the context of number stories, the children are reviewing earlier work with addition and subtraction and will begin formal work with multiplication and division. They have been introduced to and are practicing array models, have reviewed strategies for solving addition and subtraction problems, and will develop procedures for multiplication/division problems.

## and Science

### Science

Your child will be coming home very soon all excited about balls and ramps as we are starting our study of force and motion. There are two overarching enduring understandings for this unit: everything is constantly moving; (motion is relative, but the motion of an object can be described and predicted by tracing and measuring its position over time) and force is an influence that can change the motion of an object.

The study of force and motion is excellent for the development of inquiry skills. Throughout our study of force and motion the children will be planning investigations, observing and recording data, and drawing conclusions from evidence gathered.

## This and That

### Song Dudes

The song dudes begin their two week residency here at Summit Street School next week. Our children's work sessions are scheduled for the mornings of

1/20, 1/22, 1/26, and 1/27. A final concert in celebration of their creative work is scheduled for January 29th from 6:30-7:30 PM at the Fleming gym.

### Friendship Party

It's time to think about another celebration! Let me know if you'd like to be involved in planning for the kids favorite party.