

## Home Connection

Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

Maestra Brewer y Trail

Dear Families,

We have only two weeks left until our Winter Break, and there is a lot going on! This week, your student brought home a project "Tic-Tac-Toe" menu. They have already chose their three-in-a-row activities. Please talk to your student about what is expected from them, and let us know if you or your students have any questions. We will have extra copies and samples of the project outcomes on our website if they are needed. Spanish versions of activities will also be available with Maestra Brewer, and on the website as well. Students MUST complete AT LEAST 1 activity in Spanish.

Students will also be ideally completing 2 out of 3 of the projects before we break for holidays. Some students may require some additional time; in this case we will send them home with copies of the work they've completed up to that point.

All projects are DUE Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017, after we return from break. Students will be presenting their work on that day.

**Spanish Writing:** Second grade students need to bring in an item that is special to them as a writing aid. They will be using this object as inspiration to create more detailed writing pieces.

**Spanish Reading:** Please make sure your student is returning their Spanish decodable readers. Returned books will always be replaced with new selections.

**English Writing:** Students in second and third grade have chosen research topics, and will be writing an expository paragraph or essay based on their findings. Students are encouraged to research outside of school, at libraries, in magazines and newspapers, as well as videos or internet resources. Third grade needs to bring their research to school by Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Attendance:** Thank you to families who are making an extra effort to get their students to school on time. In our classrooms, learning begins promptly at 8:00am and being even just a few minutes late can impede a student's learning and keep a student off-balance for the rest of the day. We've had great conversations with the kids about what they can do to help get ready in the mornings – ask them about their ideas!

Have a great weekend!