

Greetings Families,

This week, our scholars were busy conducting research for their non-fiction magazine project and studying the battles of Antietam and Gettysburg in the American Civil War in order to understand the major turning points in the civil war as well as Lincoln's responses through the Emancipation Proclamation and Gettysburg Address. Additionally, students utilized multiple strategies for three and two-digit multiplication and division problems.

We hope you enjoy the three-day weekend!

Sincerely,

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Important Dates and Reminders:

- **January 17th:** School-wide Spelling Bee at 8:45 am in the MPR for 3rd-5th grades.
- **January 20th:** No school, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **February 7th:** First Friday
- **Saturday, May 16 – Saturday, May 23, 2020:** Martinique Trip
- **Reminder:** Please label your scholar's belongings with their name, especially outerwear and water bottles.
- **Reminder:** Please do not drive up Oakview Terrace for drop off and please be mindful of DC traffic laws on Oakview Terrace and within the community. Do NOT block driveways on Oakview Terrace.

UNIT OF INQUIRY

- In groups, students will create original Hamilton-inspired song lyrics to represent major events in the lead up to and fighting of the Civil War as a final project to our unit.

Math

- Students will learn division strategies to solve 2-digit divisor problems efficiently.

Writing Workshop:

French

- Scholars will continue informational text writing in French
- Scholars are currently constructing their conclusions on their informational text about Martinique

Reading Workshop:

- Students will continue to utilize their knowledge of text structures, text features, and main idea in non-fiction texts to create a non-fiction magazine on a topic of choice.

