

# Stithem's Newsletter

January 30, 2012

*The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.*

## Tip of the Week:

We have lots of opportunities to help our neighbors this week:

Peanut Butter Drive – all week

Donations to the Drexel Fund – all week

Warming Souls Food Drive – now through Feb. 10 (Please refer to the newsletter to see what each grade is asked to donate.)

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science:** We are presenting our 2-D and 3-D cells this Monday and Wednesday. We are also continuing to learn about microscopes. Tuesday students will take a quiz over the parts of the microscope. Thursday we will learn about the procedure to using the microscopes and how to carry them. We will begin using them next week.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math:** We are going to wrap up our Area and Perimeter unit this week. Ask your student how the labels for area and perimeter are different. We are working on key terms like border and around to identify perimeter and painting and covering to identify area. The second part of the week will be spent learning about probability.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade PreAlgebra:** We are finishing our unit on probability this week. The next concepts that we will be reviewing are mean, median, and mode. I have a lot of students with late BAIP assignments. Please ask your student if they are caught up.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Geometry:** We will take the test over congruent triangles on Tuesday. The next unit will cover quadrilaterals. Geometry students also have weekly BAIP assignments. Because the concepts they are learning about in class are different than those they will be tested over on the State Math Assessment, it is important for them to finish these assignments on time so that I can make sure that they are ready next month.