



MORTON GINGERWOOD SCHOOL

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Dear Morton Gingerwood Families,

It is very hard to believe that this is the last letter of 2018. This year is really flying by. The students and staff have been very busy working on academics, art, music, and physical education. I really enjoyed talking with parents at parent teacher conferences and other school activities. Everyone at Morton Gingerwood School really values the parental support.

For some reason, last Wednesday, most of the staff and students were wearing red and black and Thursday everyone was very excited to tell me that the Chicago Blackhawks beat my Pittsburgh Penguins. That seems to be a very common occurrence when those teams play and most of the time my team does not win. I tell my wife that at least I'm making the students better Blackhawks fans.

This last week of school before break has been especially busy with the first graders "traveling the world," learning about how other countries celebrate Christmas. Second grade had a magical ride on the Polar Express. We have taken advantage of the warm weather by having the students have recess outside almost every day the past two weeks. It is pretty rare that we would be able to do that this time of year and the students enjoy the fresh air and the time and space to stretch their legs.

I hope that you all enjoy your winter break and spend time having fun with family and friends. Please try to squeeze in some reading and Reflex math at least every other day or so just to keep fresh. Take a picture of you reading over break and email them to me at tflynn@arbor145.org and you just might see them in the main hallway.

When we return from break on January 7th we will hit the ground running to get ready for AIMSWEB testing and Star 360 testing. We use those assessments to monitor the students' progress in reading and math and adjust our lessons to meet the needs of the students.

Have a wonderful break and Merry Christmas,

Tom Flynn
Principal