**Principal’s Message:**

Dear Hemlock Families,

I hope you had a very restful week off and that you enjoyed some time with your loved ones. There are four important learning weeks to go before winter break. I want to see students here everyday, healthy and warm. It sure is cold out there. Send your child to school in a nice warm sweater or coat.

Accelerated Reader serves all students K-6. Accelerated Reader (AR) encourages students to read regularly and provides frequent progress monitoring of student reading. Students read the books they choose at their reading level and take a quiz when they are finished reading a book. Parents and teachers are updated as students make progress. We challenge all students to reach for our highest goal by April 30, 2013, which is to read a **million words** or more. Students in K-6 will be recognized for reaching this outstanding goal in May. For primary students in K-3, they will be recognized for reaching **one hundred thousand words** and K-2 will be recognized for reaching **fifty thousand words**.

Yes, you can do it! Happy Reading!

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**PTA News:**

Dec 3  7:30-8:30 pm PTA Mtg in Rm 1
Dec 7  6:30-8:00 pm HINGO in MP Room
Dec 19 Holiday Pajama Party Brunch
   K-3 grades 8:45 – 9:30 am
   4-6 grades 9:45 – 10:30 am
   TK 11:45 in Room 16

The Book Fair was a great success! The PTA was able to buy about $50 worth of books for each teacher and about $300 worth of books for our library. Thank you for stopping in!

Enjoy our Winter Break from December 21 thru January 4th, 2013. School resumes on **Monday, January 7th, 2013**

**Make Attendance A Priority:**

Reminder: Unless your children are truly sick, they must be in school. Try to schedule routine appointments after school hours. If possible schedule family trips during school breaks. If you plan to be out more than 5 days, please inform the office at least 1 week in advance, so your child can do Short Term Independent Study and the teacher has time to prepare work for your child.

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**Hemlock Teacher of the Year**

**Mr. Robert Minor**

**Classified Staff honoree**

Rebecca Gomez-Diggs

Congratulations to both!