Good Evening Stokesdale Parents,  
  
This is Mrs. Bennett, Principal of Stokesdale Elementary.  I hope all of you have had a wonderful weekend! Here are the reminders for this week.  There will be no school on Monday, January 16th due to observing the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.  Please don't forget the second nine weeks grading period ends on January 26th, so please make sure your student is working hard and turning in all their work to have a successful second nine weeks report card. Please check your child's grades on Powerschool to see if their is any missed work,  Please remember it is so important that students read every night to increase their reading stamina in order to prepare them for the State EOG testing coming up in May.  Also please continue to work with your child on their math facts each night to increase their math fluency.  With all of us working together we want all children to achieve growth at the end of the year on state testing.    
  
Please remember all students should be picked up by 2:25 each day.  All students should arrive to school by 7:25 each day in order to not be counted tardy.  Please remind your students to wear their One Cards everyday to school since the One Cards are used to check out books, purchase school lunches, and travel on a bus.   
  
Kindergarten Information Night on Thursday, Jan 12th 5:30-7pm was a great success.  Thank you to the Kindergarten teachers, Ms. Lambert, and Ms. Turner for a job well done.     
  
The PTO will be collecting donations for items to use during indoor recess that will help improve handwriting, promote physical activity, and reduce screen time. Donation bins will be located by the office and the car rider entrance.  Be on the lookout for an email with a link to an wishlist of requested items. Please join us for some fun at PTO Game Night on Wednesday 1/18 at 6:30 in the cafeteria.   
  
The Kids Heart Challenge Fundraiser is happening right now. The dates are Jan 9th-Jan 20th. We will be collecting money online only to raise awareness for Heart disease in children. We appreciate all of your help and support with this event.  
  
School Goal is $2,000  
  
Prizes for top 3 in the school  
Prize for top class in the school  
  
Here are the recent updated COVID-19 Protocols:  
•Individuals can return to school after 5 days from the first day of symptoms or the date he/she tested positive.  
•Upon return to school, the individual is to wear a mask for 5 days  
  
If an individual is exposed to COVID-19 and the   
•individual does not have symptoms, he/she does not need to quarantine.  
•Individual does NOT have to wear a mask.  
  
If your child test positive for COVID-19, please email Mrs. Bennett or call the school.  All positive cases are to be reported to the health department by the school.  
  
Please remind your student to check the Lost and Found at the car rider entrance  if they have lost a coat, sweatshirt, etc.    
  
If you plan on picking up your student from school early, please call before 1:30 so we can have your student ready for dismissal.  Our lunch menu for this week is on the Stokesdale Elementary Facebook Page and will be on our school website.  We are looking forward to a great week here at Stokesdale where "Alone Vikings Can Achieve Success, Together Vikings Can Achieve Excellence".  Thanks for listening and have a great night!