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December Literacy Contract – WINTER

This month we'll be taking a closer look at winter picture books. December is a short but important month so it's appropriate that we look at books that are short, but still have many layers of meaning. Our read-aloud this month will be the memoir *Twelve Kinds of Ice* by Ellen Bryan Obed. I'll also be reading aloud MANY winter picture books and you'll have a chance to peruse many on your own, too. You will be required to read a nonfiction book that has something to do with winter. The possibilities for this are almost endless! We'll brainstorm together in class.

BOOKS

1. You will be exploring a wide variety of winter picture books and we'll be looking at mood/tone, setting, sensory details, figurative language, and symbolism. I will provide you with these books.
2. The nonfiction book this month is of your choosing, but it must be related to winter. We'll brainstorm some of the topics about which you could read in class.

During and after reading the winter picture books:
1. You will create a poem using some of the literary/author's craft techniques. Your poem will be about winter. I will provide you a rubric when we're ready. We'll write a sample poem together as a class after we finish reading *Twelve Kinds of Ice*.

After reading the nonfiction book about Winter:
1. In October, you were responsible for finding an infographic, video clip, or article related to fear. This month, you will CREATE an infographic, feature article, video clip, or blog post based on the information you read about in your winter nonfiction book. This should be a fun, creative project! You will present to a small group (much like you did in October) and you will evaluate your group mates, as well as yourself. Have fun with this! I can't wait to see what you create.

**Read, complete, and return this form by _____. The second copy is for your own reference so you know expectations. Keep this copy somewhere you will see it daily.

Winter poem due by: _____

Nonfiction book about winter_____
    Book due by: _____
    *Infographic, Feature Article, Video Clip, or Blog Post due by:*_____

Student Signature_____

Parent Signature_____