Dear Upper School Families,

It was so wonderful to see everyone this morning. Welcome back and Happy New Year! Welcome to our three new students: Alex, Annie, and Avree. They are great additions to our classroom community.

We will be leaving the St. Louis Science Center (SLSC) this Thursday, January 4, 2018. We will be leaving the school shortly after 8:00 to make sure we arrive there early enough to enjoy all the SLSC has to offer. Due to a generous and anonymous donor, there will be no charge on your invoice for this field trip. Students will need to bring along a sack lunch and a drink. They will also need to bring along enough cash to buy their dinner. We will be visiting the King Tut exhibit and watching a movie on mummies while we are there. We plan to stay at the SLSC until 4:00 p.m. to make the most of the day. We will then get an early dinner in either Fairview Heights or O'Fallon and then head back to Carbondale. Students have not yet decided where they will be eating (Any suggestions?) and that choice will affect when we get back to the school. We should be back in Carbondale between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. and we will have the kids text and let you know when we get close. I usually recommend that students bring about \$20 each to cover the evening meal. They might also wish to buy snacks at the SLSC or visit the gift shop there. If so, they should bring cash to cover this.

Please remind your children to dress for the weather. Layers are always a good idea. This whole week promises to be so cold that we will have inside recess all week. As the quote goes, "there is no bad weather, only inappropriate clothing."

I will be sending out a longer newsletter this weekend with the details of our upcoming work, but wanted to make sure everyone knew the details for Thursday as soon as possible.

In the meantime, we do have some requests on our Wish List. We need college ruled loose leaf paper and 2018 calendars.

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Best wishes,

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## **Upcoming Events**

Thursday, January 4: Trip to St. Louis Science Center

Friday, January 12: Noon Dismissal with childcare

Monday, January 15: Holiday-No School

Tuesday, January 16: Field Trip to Carson Center in Paducah.