



# Hanlon School Newsletters

December 2020

From the Desk of Mrs. Cronin:

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**Gloves**

**Scarves**

**Socks**

**Hats**

**Crossword puzzles, Sudoku etc.**

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**We have been very lucky this fall in terms of mild days and dry air. However, the colder New England temperatures will return soon. To ensure fresh air is circulating in our classrooms, windows will be open. The temperature in the building will fluctuate throughout the day. Children have a range of temperature sensitivities, and students are able to wear coats and winter hats during class. Whether your child runs hot or cold, we know that keeping air circulating is important for safety. We will go outside for snack, lunch, and mask breaks as long as the temperature is 20 or above, and it's not raining. Please help your child dress appropriately for indoor and outdoor learning this year.**

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### **Box Tops**

PTO is collecting both physical and virtual Box Tops. Clipped Box Tops can be sent to the main office through your child's backpack. If you haven't downloaded and set up the Box Tops app, directions will be coming soon from PTO. The class with the highest number of Box Tops at the end of January will earn a hot chocolate party. So far the rankings are:

First Place 3W

Second Place 4R

Third Place 2S

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