Dear Parents/Guardians,

 HAPPY NEW YEAR! ☺ I hope that everyone enjoyed their holiday break!! We are ready to begin the second semester! There are a couple of changes that will be in place for the second quarter. First of all, we will strive towards being a “paperless classroom,” meaning most assignments and assessments will be completed via iPad or computer device. Secondly, homework will be sent home in packets containing your child’s reading log, as well as, homework assignments for the entire week. The entire packet will be due every Friday at the end of each designated school week. Lastly, we will be participating in differing, rigorous STEM activities 3 – 4 times per week on a consistent basis. Below I have listed some needed class supplies in order to complete various engineering activities. Please do not feel obligated to go out and buys these items, but if you happen to have any of the following at your home, we would love to be able to use your extra supplies to complete challenging and engaging activities in the classroom.

**STEM challenge materials needed:**

**-masking tape -play dough**

**-pipe cleaners -spaghetti noodles**

**-clothes pins -balloons**

**-popsicle (craft) sticks -ping pong balls**

**-straws -Q tips**

**-small paper/Styrofoam cups -deck of cards**

**-toothpicks -newspaper**

**-aluminum foil -scissors (children’s size)**

**-string -index cards**

**-cardboard (broken down boxes, paper towel rolls, toilet paper rolls)**

If you have any questions regarding the following information, please send me a message via dojo or to my email sage.murphy@lrsd.org .

Sincerely,

 Mrs. Murphy