



# Kindergarten News

January 20, 2012

Dear Parents,

The New Year is in full swing. This newsletter covers this week and last.

## Here is a peek at what we've been up to:

- The word family last week was \_et and this week \_ig. We made words and wrote simple sentences using our sight words and words in these families. The children are getting much more comfortable with making words and putting them into sentences as well as illustrating pictures of what they wrote about.
- The new sight words we worked with were “find”, “run” “three”, “funny”, “she”, “he”, “that” and “was”. Sight word instruction is incorporated into much of our work. I am so pleased at how well they are doing with their sight words! It is extremely effective having your support in this area. These sight words (high frequency words) build a good base for beginning reading. Thank you for your support!
- In Making Meaning, we completed our Unit on Retelling with *Charlie Needs a New Cloak* by Tomie de Paola and *The Napping House* by Audrey Wood.
- Math – we completed Topic 6 on Comparing Numbers and will begin Unit 7 on Geometric Shapes next week. We continue to work with math concepts with our daily calendar activities as well as exercising and counting to math. Please continue to work on number identification at home and counting to 100 for those who need it.
- Our poems included *January* and *Little Snowman*. The children are thinking about (visualizing) the poems and making connections as well as working with concepts of print, sight word recognition and rhyming.
- We continue with our literacy centers which enhance and are an extension of the work that is directly taught in class.
- Our social work team completed mini lessons on tattling vs. telling. The children learned that tattling is trying to get someone in trouble and telling is to get someone help. They did great with this whole class lesson as well as the mini lessons that followed.
- January is a month with assessments. MAP testing is underway and will continue for the next couple of weeks. Please make sure your child is getting enough sleep and eating well before coming to school.

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**Note:**

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help with 100 Day activities. I will send more details as we get closer.

**Upcoming Dates:**

- Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> – kindergarten report cards go home
- Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> – 100 Day hats and plain white t-shirts are due.
- Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 100 Day celebration (9:30 hat parade; 10:00 – 11:00 activities)
- Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> – ½ Day Teacher In-service – No PM kindergarten
- Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> – President's Day – No School

**Reminders:**

- Don't forget to send in a plain white t-shirt and 100 Day hats no later than January 27<sup>th</sup>.
- In lieu of a Valentine's Day party, we will have the 100 Day celebration. We will still exchange valentines and do some activities; however there will be no Valentine's Day party.
- If your child will be going home a different way than normal, please continue to send a note.
- Tuesday we have P.E. (Gym) – please remember to send your child in gym shoes.
- Thursday is Library day; all books need to be returned by Thursday.

Please feel free to call or e-mail with any questions or concerns. Thank you for all of your support – we're having a great year!

Enjoy your weekend!  
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