



# December News



Dear Kindergarten Parents,

The children will continue to work on the reading computer program Imagination Station and Waggle Math.

## **Language Art/Social Studies Activities:**

Special emphasis on:

- Continuing to identify and create rhyming words
- Identify color words
- Continue to practice printing letters and popcorn words
- Practice reading popcorn words
- Continue to discriminate beginning sounds and letters
- Identify sounds in the beginning, middle, and ending parts of words
- Practice blending sounds together to say a word
- Practice identifying the final sound in words
- Use complete sentences when answering questions
- Use letter sounds to write words and sentences
- Continue to discuss and identify different book genres (informational text, realistic fiction, and fiction)
- Continue to practice predicting outcomes
- Listen for the main idea of a story
- Review and introduce -at, -an, -ad, and -it word families
- Identify and retell the sequence of events in a story
- Identify the characters and setting of a story
- Recalling details
- Grammar Focus: Practice identifying the subject of a sentence (the naming part of a sentence) and practice identifying the verbs in sentences (the action part of a sentence), capitalization and punctuation in a sentence, and reviewing action verbs, sensory words, adjectives and nouns.
- Develop reading strategies

## **Math Readiness:**

- Practice writing numerals to 20 and above
- Practice recognizing numbers 1-20 in random order
- Practice ordering numbers 1-20 with number cards
- Count to 50 and above
- Continue to study simple addition and subtraction
- Represent numbers 6-10 with objects and in written form

- Continue to recognize numbers that are greater and lesser when compared to a given number

**Science:** Learn about reindeer and complete an informational writing about this topic. Start a unit of study on Fabric. Students will do a fabric science notebook.

We are working on the second marking period words. Please have your child read and write these words at home. We practice them each day in school, but the reinforcement at home really helps your child to succeed. Here is the list of required words for the second marking period: a, I, like, the, and, see, we, at, an, can, to, you, me, with, my, what, are, now, is, how, of, so, in, it.

**Show and Tell Schedule themes:**

- Dec. 5            It is wear you ugly sweater day, so the theme is ugly sweater.
- Dec. 12          Favorite hat day
- Dec. 19          Favorite Christmas story (draw a picture, bring in a dvd cover, book, etc.)

Kindergarten students will have a Christmas gift exchange. Girls are asked to bring a gift for a girl, and boys are asked to bring a gift for a boy. The gifts will NOT be for a specific student. We will play a game to exchange them. A girl should label hers "To: A Girl From: (Name)" A boy should label his "To: A Boy From: (Name)." The cost of the gift should be about \$5.00. Please discuss with your child that it is not for a specific person in class and that your child will not receive the gift he/she brought. Gifts need to be at school no later than Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> (you may send it early). Students will open the gifts on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**\*Reminder\***

- Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>                    Wear your Ugly Sweater Day
- Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>                  Holiday Shop at lunch
- Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>                  Christmas Gift Exchange
- Dec. 22-Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>        Christmas and New Year's Vacation
- Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>                    School resumes

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mrs. Cook  
Mrs. Daniel

