



January News

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

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

Reading Readiness:

- Practice reading popcorn words
- Continue to practice printing letters and popcorn words
- Continuing to identify and create rhyming 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
- Practice isolating the middle 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
- Continue to listen for the main idea of a story
- Identify and retell the sequence of events in a story
- Identify the characters and setting of a story
- Recalling details
- Grammar Focus: Verbs in the past tense; capitalization and punctuation; questions, proper nouns for places, people and pets. Continue to review identifying the subject of a sentence (the naming part of a sentence) and identifying the verbs in sentences (the action part of a sentence), and identifying sensory words and adjectives.
- Develop reading strategies
- Winter time unit with special activities centered around penguins, snow, and the book: Tacky the Penguin by Helen Lester

Math Readiness:

- Count to 100
- Prepare for the 100th day of school -activities
- Practice writing numerals 1-20 and 1-50
- Practice identifying numerals 1-20 in random order
- Practice identifying numerals (towards the end of the month) 1-50 in random order
- Compare numbers to 10
- Add to and take from within 10

Science:

- Revisit the trees unit of study in winter
- Students will continue a unit of study in fabric
- Students will also study penguins and snowflakes

Show and Tell Topic Schedule:

Jan. 5	Favorite Christmas present (you can draw a picture)
Jan. 12	Favorite winter sport (you can draw a picture)
Jan. 26	Favorite penguin (you can draw a picture)

If you are able to donate any tissues to our classroom, we would greatly appreciate it. We are in need of them.

Reminder:

No School Monday, January 15, 2024
No School Friday, January 19, 2024

**Sincerely,
Mrs. Cook
Mrs. Daniel**

P.S. Almost immediately upon returning to school from Christmas break we will start assessments (January 3 -12, 2024). We will do a DRA which is a Developmental Reading Assessment. We will assess many skills, some of which include the following:

- **Counting to at least 20 (and beyond if possible)**
- **Identifying numbers 1-20 in random order**
- **Writing and ordering numbers in sequence from 1-20**
- **Identifying the colors and shapes (square, circle, oval, triangle, rectangle, and diamond)**
- **Identifying the uppercase and lowercase letters**
- **Identifying the letter sounds**
- **Writing the uppercase and lowercase letters from memory**
- **Reading the 1st and 2nd marking period popcorn words**
- **Writing the 1st and 2nd marking period popcorn words from memory**

1. I
2. like
3. the
4. and
5. see
6. we
7. at
8. an
9. can
10. to
11. you
12. me
13. my
14. what
15. are
16. now
17. is
18. how
19. of
20. so
21. in
22. it
23. a
24. with