

Kindergarten Newsletter

January 8, 2010

Reading:

Wow! That was strange changing the date of our newsletter to 2010. I hope that your Christmas was spent with family and friends and you rang in the New Year safely. We are getting back into the swing of school and we will be hitting the academics pretty hard this quarter. We will continue to write a little each day, but we will turn our concentration to reading. We will learn over the next few weeks the strategies used when learning how to read.

We will start the new year with a unit about MITTENS. We will act out the Jan Brett version of the story with our enormous mitten that a whole class can fit in. We will also do many booklets to encourage our reading skills and we will be writing some descriptive papers about mittens we decorate. Our venn diagram of comparing Jan Brett's version of the story and Alvin Tresselt's version will help us sharpen those comprehension skills.

Our treasure book is The Mitten by Jan Brett. A boy named Nikki dropped his snow white mitten in the snow after his Baba knitted them for him. Many forest animals found their way into the mitten for warmth. Thank goodness Baba's good knitting held fast. When the meadow mouse climbed onto the bear's nose and tickled it with his whiskers the bear had a sneeze large enough to empty the mitten of animals and shoot it into the air. Nikki found his mitten and the story ended with the perplexed look on Baba's face because the mittens were no longer the same size. Our Treasure is a foam mitten.

Next week, our treasure story will be The Emperor's Egg to go along with our two week Penguin unit.

Math:

Sharpening our all around math skills will be the concentration in the upcoming weeks. It is vital that the kids recognize their numbers, can order their numbers and can recognize larger numbers. As of right now, the 100th day of school is scheduled for January 29th (unless we have a snow day). We will be doing lots of activities with all the numbers to 100. PLEASE review these at home...especially 1-20. 1-20 is a kindergarten skill needed before moving to 1st grade.

Snow pants/inclimate weather:

'Tis the season for snow pants, boots, hats and gloves! Winter weather is here. To keep things organized, you may want to label your child's snow gear. Things get a little messy by the cubbies and sometimes snow pants fall off hooks. It would cause less stress for the kids, and helpers, if the names were visible in the pants so we know who gets what. Thanks!

This year because of the new phone system that the school has, we will NOT be calling you personally to let you know of an early dismiss. If you did not sign up to receive these calls, please listen to the local radio stations.

Miscellaneous:

January 18: NO SCHOOL

January 25-29 Homecoming week (more info. Later)

Feb. 5: NO SCHOOL

Feb. 15: NO SCHOOL

Report cards came home Tuesday. If you had any questions regarding your child's report card please contact us at school. 858-9005. If you do not have any questions, please sign and return the report card as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at school with a phone call or e-mail.

Mrs. Kelzer, Miss Redfearn & Mrs. Wurster