

Kindergarten Newsletter

February 4, 2010

Literacy:

This week in literacy, we finished up our unit on snowmen. We took some time on Tuesday to learn and do activities on Groundhog Day.

Our week consisted of sight word little books. Look for them to come home in the Friday folder. Ask your child to read the story to you and encourage them to use the pictures when stuck on a word. Some other tips include; finding a known word in the word, such as "and" in the word "hand", using picture clues, and skipping the word and then going back. Express to your child that good readers do these things as well as going back to re-read and fix a mistake. We have some blossoming readers in this bunch!

We have almost introduced all fifty sight words for kindergarten and have been incorporating some other higher frequency words. This week, we learned the word "make." When writing using the four square method, a feeling sentence is required at the end. Knowing the word "make" lets us write that last feeling sentence a little easier.

Next week we will be learning about Abe Lincoln, George Washington, and the Q & U Wedding. Our treasure book is The Wedding of Q & U. The book is about a kindergarten class that acts out a wedding for the letters Q and U, since they are always together in a word, such as quick, quarter, quack, etc. The students create a memorable way in knowing that u always follows q. The following week, we will re-enact the book with our very own Q & U Wedding. Look for more details to follow.

Math:

This week, we continued to work on our numbers to 100 and have also started counting back from 76. We used non-standard forms of measurement as well as the inch and centimeter to measure the shadow of the groundhog. Some of us have begun writing number sentences and sequencing larger numbers in order.

Valentine's Day:

Next Friday we will be celebrating Valentine's Day with cards and a movie. At the beginning of the year, we anticipated our party to be on the day of the Q & U wedding, therefore we did not have a party sign up. Due to our Clergyman's schedule (Mr. Scarano), we had to change the date of the wedding to the 19. We will have our big party then. If you are new to Kindergarten, when I say "big Party", I mean it! Cake, juice, treats~hey, it's a wedding!

But, please, use the list attached to have your child fill out a Valentine card for everyone in his/her class. It is not required that one be done for the students in the other classes, but the lists are available if your child wishes to send one to a friend in the other sections.

If you feel that you cannot provide Valentine Cards, please let us know. We can help with that.

Miscellaneous:

February 5: No School

February 15: No School

February 19: Q & U Wedding (more info. next week)

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at school with a phone call or e-mail. Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Kelzer, Miss Redfearn & Mrs. Wurster