

January 12, 2018

Dear Parents,

We have had a full week this week and getting out to play with the warmer weather helped to settle the students. It is always amazing to me each year how the children really take a turn and show the skills that they have learned up to this point and really begin to blossom. I always enjoy this time of year for this reason. It is like having spring in the middle of the winter.

In social thinking we have finished our book about using our eyes to help us with thinking. The next couple of weeks we will be doing some activities around this book to support this.

In our literacy centers, we have been doing activities around the story Stone Soup. We have listened to different versions of the story to learn how different authors have told it a little differently. The students made a soup pot to bring home and retell their version of the story. We also made aliens to go along with our social thinking story. They worked together with playdough, lacing cards and learning more about how to write letters through our ipads. They work independently in centers which is good practice for first grade.

In foundations, they have been continuing work with sentence writing, practicing writing letters on their whiteboards and learning about the order of letters on their magnetic boards. We are beginning our winter assessments now.

In math, they are practicing making different number combinations from 1-5, using new language (lowest to greatest, less than, greater than) and practicing writing numbers in our math centers. We will be learning new centers over the next couple of weeks.

Hopefully, the weather will stay warm so the children can get out and enjoy the snow that we have left after the rain today. Try to get out and enjoy this season with your child.

Keep those boxtops coming. Every boxtop earns ten cents and they really add up. This is an easy way to support our school. Just check things before recycling the boxes.

Upcoming Events:

1/15 & 1/16: In-service days, no school for students

1/19: Book orders due

2/19-2/23: Winter Break

Have a good weekend!