

December 1, 2017

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone enjoyed the concert last night. It was a wonderful performance and the students will just grow from here. I know many were nervous, but it is a great experience for them to have and be a part of. So many schools are cutting programs and we are so lucky that Hartford still feels that the performing arts are very important for a student to have. There will be another concert in the spring.

Today in your child's folder, I have sent home their report card. As we spoke about in November at our parent/teacher conference, we will have another conference in March. But, if you ever would like to set up another conference or have questions please feel free to contact me. Also, if you have questions about the report card please feel free to contact me. Remember, the specials (music, art and p.e.) will grade in March and June.

This has been a busy week for us to try to get back into a routine after the break, but with the concert it was challenging.

On Tuesday, Ms. Powers did an assembly around caring. The students learned about what that would look like and made cards to send locally to different groups of people.

#### ACTIONS OF CARING

- Be kind and considerate in all of your actions
- Be compassionate and show you care
- Express gratitude
- Forgive others
- Help people in need
- Say nice things, share compliments with others
- Be the person others can count on

We continue to work on this in our classroom. Please try to support this at home as well.

In Foundations, we learned about two new letters d and s which are plane line round letters. The children should know that this means that they start like a c and then make the letter. We are now up to 13 lowercase letters: a, b, c, d, f, g, i, m, n, o, s, t, u. They are doing very well. We are encouraging writing lowercase letters in their names where we have learned them.

In literacy centers we have been working with their names, families, and rhyming. Some of them really need some extra practice. Please pull out some fun rhyming books if you have any at home or visit a library to borrow some. You can also can make up some fun rhyming games.

We began a new number corner routine today. The students will be learning about position words. It is an exciting month to explore the different words.

I am sending in the book order tonight unless I hear from someone that they would like to hold onto it until Monday. I should get it out so it can get back for people.

Please try to support the PTA craft fair tomorrow. It runs from 9-2 and there is usually a great variety of vendors here.

As the weather changes and we are having more clothes come into our room, try to remember to label your child's clothes. Also, when we do get snow (yes it will come) the children can leave a pair of shoes in their cubby to make it one less thing to remember to pack in the morning. I have already noticed that some students are wearing boots and leaving shoes at home. Have them practice getting dressed by themselves. This will make it easier for everyone if they can zip their coats and get dressed independently.

Upcoming Events:

12/1: Book Order Due, Report cards will come home with students

12/2: PTA Craft Fair 9:00-2:00

12/23-1/1: Holiday break

Have a great weekend!