

December 15, 2017

Dear Parents,

The week has been a confusing week with the snow day on Tuesday, but it was good to have everyone safe due to the snow that arrived. I hope everyone got a phone call or message. If you did not get one it is due to the contact information that is on file in Infinite Campus. Please be sure to update this information. If you need help doing so, contact Mrs. Taber to assist you. This snow day will be made up at the end of the school year.

We have been busy practicing our group plan doing some fun group plan activities. We had a bucket of pretend apples (tennis balls) that needed to be picked up and one person wasn't following the group plan. We talked about how that made people feel and if that person helped out what would have happened. We also did a milk (pretend) activity and an egg activity. This showed the children how to be a part of a group. They really enjoyed practicing these skills and it brought it to life instead of just reading about the skills. You could create some of these similar activities at home.

In literacy centers we have been working with things around The Polar Express. The children have created themselves wearing pajamas, put a train together in alphabetical order, sequenced the story, put initial sounds with pictures. They have enjoyed these centers.

In foundations, we are continuing to work on the thirteen letters that we have learned about so far: a,b,c,d,f,g,i,m,n,o,s,t,u. We also are working on writing sentences and knowing that words are made up of letters and there are spaces in between the words. Each sentence begins with an uppercase letter and ends with a period.

In math, we are learning a couple of new activities around the number 5. The students are also learning the different positional words during number corner. We are doing math groups one day a week with the support of many different adults to support students where they need support. We are constantly looking at these and moving students around. They enjoy these groups. We will be doing more assessments after the holidays.

We were able to go out during guidance this week to visit and learn about the labyrinth our garden out back. We have a parent in our school who created it and enjoys sharing about it. It is a very peaceful activity to do. It is shoveled out for people to try.

Be sure with the new snow to send all of the gear (snow pants, hats, mittens, boots) and shoes for the classroom. If you would prefer to leave a pair of shoes in your child's cubby they can. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

I will do a special treat next Friday instead of a holiday party. The students do not exchange gifts as we found it to cause an added stress on families.

Find time to enjoy this time of year with your child and do something special. We sometimes forget in our busy lives to take a break and enjoy what we have.

Upcoming Events:

12/23-1/1: Holiday break

1/2 : School Reopens

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

Have a wonderful weekend!