

December 8, 2017

Dear Parents,

The week has been full of excitement with the children. The weather beginning to change has caused a little restlessness among them. Remember, if they wear boots to school they should still bring sneakers for the classroom. They are welcome to keep shoes in their cubby once we have snow on the ground to save you from worrying about packing them each day. I have noticed several children trying to dress themselves and zipping so I know you are supporting this at home as well. Thanks!

Also, as the weather changes we begin to think of snow days and how often they can come. Please be sure your contact information is correct in infinite campus as this is how you will be contacted by Mr. DeBalsi. It is also what we use in case of an emergency. If you are not sure how to do this or need help, please call Mrs. Taber if you need to update information. This is also important if you have changed jobs in case we need to reach you during the day.

We have continued to work in our Foundations. We have spent a lot of time on writing the letters that we have learned so far (a,b, c, d, f, g, i, m, n, o s, t, u). We are really supporting the students to learn the difference between b and d. We are also trying to help them to separate the letter from the key word and sound. As an example you could say: I am thinking of the letter that says /b/. Could you tell me the letter? Could you tell me the key word? Where would you begin to write that letter? Otherwise we have found it just becomes rote for them (b, bat, /b/).

In math, the students are working on learning about the combinations for five. This is a lot of fun for them. They are learning their new number corner routines. During number corner we are also reading about how different countries celebrate the holidays. We look on a map to find the country that we read about each day.

We are doing more with the Hokey Pokey and learning different body parts.

We have also been doing activities around Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.

Thanks for supporting UNICEF at Halloween time. The WRS community collected \$266.77.

We also collected four boxes of fruit for the senior citizen holiday baskets. Thanks again for your support.

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 and enjoy your child during this magical time of year.