

January 4, 2019

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! The children returned on Wednesday rested and full of excitement to be back at school. It was so nice to see this and see them again. I think everyone needed the break to take a breath. This will get us through the next few dark and cold months. Each day we gain a little more daylight which I especially enjoy.

We jumped right back into our routines this week. In our number corner, we are learning the new routines for the month. We are looking at number combinations using different colored buttons. We also will be counting unifix cubes for the month. We are anticipating our 100th day of school which will be coming in the month of February, which is a big day in kindergarten.

In math, we learned a new game call "Which Bug Will Win?". The students are enjoying playing this in our math centers. It gives them practice in recording, counting and comparing with this activity.

In our reading workshop, the students are learning to sort their books and practice more than once so they can improve their fluency and expression in their reading. They practice alone and also with a partner. They have a reading mat to sort them with the hardest being on the bottom left and the easiest being on the top of that pile. As they read their books they move them to the right of their mat. It was exciting to see how much they retained over the break. We also made another book for our classroom to read. It is about them reading.

In Foundations, the students learned two new letters this week. We have added p and j to our list. This means we are up to 17 lowercase letters (a,b,c,d,e,f,g,i,j,m,n,o,p,j,r,s,t,u). We will continue to practice these letters in any way that we can to improve their confidence in writing the letters.

We continue to work on feeling in the Second Step program that we use. We learned about how people show they are interested in something, i.e. when they are describing how to play a game.

I am sending home towels today to be washed as I didn't send them home over the break.

I am also sending home a new book order today. I will send it in next Friday, unless someone wants me to hold it until the next week. Just let me know. The code is GXJYC. This is a great way to get books at a cheap price.

Keep sending all of the winter gear. There is still a lot of winter to come as we all know.

Upcoming Events:

January 10: PTA- 6:30

January 21/22: Inservice Days- No school for students

February 18-22: Winter Vacation

Have a great weekend!