

December 14, 2018

Dear Parents,

It has been a full week and the children are becoming restless with the approaching holiday. There is both excitement and sadness as they will be away from the routine of school for a while. They don't fully understand the time frame.

We have tried to keep the children in a routine this week. It has helped to keep them on track, but we will have more fun activities planned for next week. This includes a small treat on Friday morning instead of a party. Mrs. Trombley and I will do this as part of our gift to the children. We will have a treat at the end of the day with the entire school.

We continue to work with Second Step and this week we focused on learning about feelings- happy/sad. They have learned to look at people's faces to see how they are feeling.

In our Readers Workshop we have been doing activities around Brown Bear, Brown Bear. They have been focusing on looking at pictures, words, patterns in the book and much more. We even created a book for our classroom and they did the writing. They enjoy looking at this. They continue to work on their snap words and reading their books in their bags. They are doing so well and I am excited every day when I sit with them to hear how they are doing.

In number corner, they are really picking up the routine of the calendar and learning a lot about position words and enjoy predicting where the bear will be for the day. We are practicing counting through the teens and twenties. We also read about a different country each day and how they celebrate in that country this time of year and find the country on a world map. They enjoy this.

In math, they made ten rods this week. We practiced using these for counting. They are made with beads and pipe cleaners. We will use them for a while in the classroom and then send them home. We also are looking at different number combinations and write equations for these combinations.

In foundations, we continue to practice our letters with our magnetic boards, writing boards and also practice creating sentences on sentence frames. They enjoy the different ways to practice letters. They continue to grow in this area. Writing is still challenging for many of them. We are also practicing writing names on paper which is giving more practice to form letters correctly.

I am sending towels home this weekend so you won't have to worry about them over the break and then will send them home the first short week after the break.

Upcoming Events:

December 24-Jan. 1: Holiday Break, School reopens on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019

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

Have a great weekend!