

December 7, 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the concert last night. If your child was nervous last night, you will see a lot of growth with them by spring when we have our next concert. It is amazing to see the growth from kindergarten to the proud students that they become as fifth graders. We are very lucky to have Mrs. Wadleigh as our music teacher.

We continue to try to keep the structure of our day, but it will become more and more challenging over the next couple of weeks. We share their excitement, but we also realize that some students become anxious during this season as they know they won't be coming to school for a while and this can be hard for them. We support them through this and reassure them that we will be back together again soon to begin our new challenges together.

In our number corner, we are learning new routines and learning about new words (beside, to the left, to the right, above, inside, behind, etc). They can practice using these words with a stuffed animal and a box. We also read about a different country each day and how they celebrate the holiday season. This is a lot of fun to see on a map.

In readers workshop, they are learning more about looking for details in pictures and the importance of rereading a book and the details that you can learn from rereading. We have done the book "So Much!" by Trish Cooke. It is a fun book.

In foundations, we have learned a new letter so we are now up to 15 letters: a,b,c,d,e,f,g,i,m,n,o,r,s,t,u. We continue to work on these letters, sounds, and key words. Writing the letters is the most challenging for us right now so we are really focusing on this with the students. We are also really working on the students focusing on writing their names using lowercase letters. They should have brought home a copy of a paper this week with their name on it. The more comfortable they are writing these letters the easier it will be for them in first grade next year.

Book orders are due today. If you want to order something on line this weekend I can hold the order until Sunday, but will need to place the order so I will have it back before the holiday break.

Today, your child will be bringing home their report card in their folder. Please remember this is new to us as well as you and we are doing our best to share information with you. There is also a paper to explain the report card. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions and I will try to explain how I reached the mark that I did. Remember, some of the areas are graded on a K-2 objective and some are just kindergarten. This can be confusing.

Upcoming Events:

December 7: Report Cards will come home with students, Book Order Due

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

Have a wonderful weekend and stay warm!