

December 13, 2019

Dear Parents,

It does not seem possible that we are halfway through another month. The time goes so quickly! The children are so excited about the upcoming holiday. They are having a lot of trouble focusing and we are trying to keep them somewhat on track, but share the excitement along with them.

The adults who are working with my class were very excited to see all of the improvement with all of the children when we did the literacy assessments this week. They are really developing some great skills. We work together and will be starting new groups with the students after the holidays. It is so exciting to see how much they have grown. This shows up every day in my classroom.

You might have heard from your child that they got their "Super Power" capes this week and reading pointers to give them superpowers to read. We also worked on writing snap words, which are words they won't be able to sound out/tap out. We will continue to add these words for them to practice throughout the year. There will be a total of 28 words by the end of the year. We have done a, and, at, I, me, to so far. They will practice these each day before reading books in their book bag. It is very exciting to see this happening in my classroom. It never gets old to see this miracle happen each year.

We also did two new letters in Foundations this week. We have done the following letters: a,b,c,d,f,g,i,m,n,o,s,t,u. We continue to practice and are taking it slow to gain the confidence to write these letters correctly and to also know them. This is helping all students become confident.

Many parents have asked about the upcoming concert. Kindergarteners do sing. They are very nervous for this concert and you will see a lot of growth by the spring concert, which is in May. The doors will open at 6:15. The kindergarten students will come down the ramp and into the cafeteria to meet me. They should give you their coat and you will go to the gym to await their entrance and the concert. The concert begins at 6:30. The fifth grade band will play first, K-2 songs, 3-5 songs and then K-5 songs. We try to keep the concert to one hour, but it sometimes goes over a few minutes. The students can wear whatever they would like. Most students wear something a little nicer, but we always want the students here to sing and don't worry about what they are wearing.

As part of the students gift, I always prepare them breakfast on our last day before vacation. I provide everything for them. We will also be watching a movie as a school in the afternoon next Friday. The students do not exchange gifts as we found out years ago that it can cause stress for families. I have some families that choose to do something small for the whole class or a gift for the class. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

After the holidays, please send in the fronts of any Christmas cards that you will be throwing out or recycling. We will use them for a project next year. Thank you in advance!

Upcoming Events

Dec. 18: Winter Concert 6:30 (Snow Date Dec. 19)

Dec 23: Holiday Break, School reopens on Jan. 6, 2020

Jan. 20 & 21: No school for students

Thank you for your continued support and have a great weekend!