

# KINDERGARTEN

## Bi-Weekly Newsletter

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### What did we do these past two weeks?

#### In Math...

We continued to solve story problems. Recently, we have been solving problems with multiple solutions. It is great seeing students persevere while they work hard to figure out solutions to these problems. In addition, we began a new unit called, "It's Party Time." The unit asks students to plan a make-believe party. Throughout this experience students will learn all about numbers up to 20. So far, we have created a list of things we see at a party and made a list of guests we would like to invite. Afterwards, we compared our numbers to our partner's numbers and talked about who will have more or less guests at the party.

#### In Reading...

Students are learning about different "superpowers" they have and can use when reading books. The superpowers we talked about so far were: pointing powers (we point to the words we read), snap word power (we quickly find and read sight words), and picture power (we look at the pictures for clues.) Students were also introduced to our new author of the month, Jan Brett. We are enjoying her books a lot!

#### In Writing...

We began a new writing unit, Approximating Small Moments. Students first had to understand what a small moment was and how to write about just that topic. To help students understand what a small moment is the book The Snowy Day was read. Ask your child to tell you what the small moment was in this book. Students will continue to learn about small moments and write small moment books beginning next week.

#### In Science and Social Science...

Students learned about Martin Luther King, Jr. by watching a short video and reading a book about him. Please ask your child at home to tell you who Martin Luther King, Jr. was. We also began a unit on 5 senses. We learned about what scientists do and how they use their 5 senses to observe the world around them. We practiced being a scientist by taking a nature walk around the school and making observations using our 5 senses.

#### In Social Emotional Learning (SEL)...

We read a book titled, Please, Mr. Panda. We learned that part of being kind is using polite words with others. We practiced saying "please" at the cafeteria while getting our lunches. Students were asked to reply, "Yes, please" or "No, thank you" when asked about lunch choices.

#### In Art...

We created our self-portrait and wrote about New Year's Resolutions. We also created Mr. Panda, a character from the book titled, Please, Mr. Panda.

#### In Technology...

We continued to use Seesaw to share our learning and World Book to do research of our interest.

## Announcements

### 100th Day of School Projects

All 100-day projects are due Monday, January 29th. Please remember to use **100 items** (non-food please) on your project. We will be having a parade to display all of these wonderful projects. We will also be displaying these projects during conferences.

### Winter Conferences

Winter Conferences are coming up February 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. A Sign-up Genius will be sent to you soon with dates and times to choose from. Please let us know if you'd like a translator at the conference.



### AT HOME...

- Practice counting to 70.
- Practice reading SIGHT words.
- Practice reading CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words at home with your child. For example; cat, dog, sun, etc.
- Read at least 20 minutes every day!

### POETRY BINDERS/BOOK BAGS...

Book bags will come home today, Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. Please have your child read as many books as possible. Remind your child to use his/her "superpowers" when reading.

### DATES TO REMEMBER...

**EVERY WEDNESDAY IS 2:35PM DISMISSAL**

- Jan. 19th** - Hat Day
- Jan. 26th** - Wear Forest View Shirt or Green
- Jan. 29th** - 100th Day Projects are DUE
- Jan. 31st** - 100th Day of School
- Feb. 1st** - World Read Aloud