KINDERGARTEN BI-WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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What did we do these past two weeks?

In Math... We continued to review the 2D shapes and found that 2D shapes are flat like a pancake. Shapes that stand off the ground are known as 3D shapes. We learned the names of many 3D shapes and investigated the cube, the cone, the cylinder, and the sphere a little closer. We discovered that these shapes have faces, vertices (corners), and edges (sides). We also learned that 3D shapes can roll, slide and and/or stack. In addition to the shapes, we also have been working on solving story problems. Students are learning how to make a mental image of the problem in their head, determine what the problem is asking for, and how to use tools to solve the problems.

In Reading... We practiced learning and reading more sight word books. The new sight words we learned were: you, like, look and to. We also learned another reading strategy called, "Stretchy Snake." Stretchy Snake taught us how to sound out our words when we read books. Please encourage your child to sound out simple words when they are reading stories at home. In reading, we also learned the importance of reading cover-to-cover in order not to miss any information, especially in nonfiction books. Another way to learn more from reading is by rereading. Students reread nonfiction books and found new information each time they reread. We cannot wait for students to bring their favorite books to school for another chance to reread but this time using their favorite storybooks!

In Writing... Students continued writing All About nonfiction books. Students choose topics they were experts at, and created a plan with 3 facts about that topic. Later, they wrote a book using their plan. During the process, we learned how to make spaces between words, how to add more details in our writing and made sure to match illustrations to the words on the page. We cannot wait to write another All About book. This time we will do a research about a topic of our interest before we write the book!

In Social Emotional Learning (SEL)... We talked about what it means to be kind and how to work out our differences. This month we are going to work on filling up a 28 acts of kindness chart in our classroom.

In Social Science... We continued to learn about Long Ago, Today and the Future. Students learned about what schools were like long ago and made predictions about what they might look like in the future.

 ${\bf In\ Art}...$ We created a picture of a Native American. We also learned how to fold paper to cut out snowflakes.

In Technology... We used World Book to research topics of our interest on our tablets.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder

Please make sure that your child has a change of clothes in their backpack. Some clothes might be from the start of the year so please make sure they are pants and long sleeve shirts for the colder months.

Food Baskets

Please consider donating food for the all school Holiday Baskets. These baskets are given to families in need in our school. A BIG thanks to all of the families who already donated food. Your donations are greatly appreciated!



At Home...

- Practice naming 3D shapes: cone, cylinder, sphere, and cube.
- Practice counting 1-50 with your child.
- Practice sounding out CVC words such as cat = c-a-t or sun=s-u-n.
- Practice tying shoes and zipping coats.
- Read at least 20 minutes every day!

Poetry Binders/ Book Bags...

Poetry Binders will be sent home today. Please have your child read as many poems at home with you and sign the sheet at the beginning of the binder. All binders are due back on Monday.

Dates to Remember... Every Wednesday is a 2:35 Dismissal

Dec. Ist -Forest View Spirit Wear

Dec. 4th - Scholastic Book Orders are Due

Dec. 8th – Twin Day

Dec. 12th – Wear yellow and blue for Hannukah

Dec. 15th - Hoot Store (no money needed)

Dec. 20th - Wear Holiday Colors; 2:35 Dismissal

Dec. 21st - Jan. 7th - Winter Break

Jan. 8th - School Resumes