



Kindergarten Newsletter • December, 2010

Curriculum Notes

Literature: We will wrap up our Folk Tales unit by reading several favorites such as Little Red Riding Hood, The Turnip and The Gingerbread Man. Students will continue to develop critical thinking skills as we compare different versions of the folk tales. Art projects, sequencing, retelling and puppetry will help support the comprehension of the text.

Reading: The children have made wonderful progress in reading. Please continue to read at home with your child. Children develop reading abilities at different rates. Celebrating books by reading to and with your child is the most important way to help children become life-long readers. It is also important to practice the word lists we sent home. In small group instruction we will be working on beginning, middle, and end as well as comprehension skills

Math: We will focus on numeration skills and expand our math vocabulary to include more, less, equal, odd and even. Since August, we have been keeping track of the number of days we've been in school. Using this chart, we will learn to count by 10's, 5's and 2's.

Writing: The children will continue to have a variety of writing experiences, including journal writing, making class books, and participating in writer's workshop. When writing, both standard and inventive spelling will be emphasized. We will also continue to work on correct letter and number formation.

Social Studies: We will continue our unit on families by learning about different family traditions during the winter season. We will focus on Christmas, Hanukah and Kwanzaa through books, art projects, writing activities, and songs. If there is a winter celebration or family tradition you would like to share with the children, please let us know.

Science: This month we will continue to work on our new science curriculum "Plants and Animals". We will do several investigations with plants and life cycles.

Important Dates: December 14: Winter Sing

December 24-January 2: Winter Break (No School for students and teachers). School will resume on January 3.