



Kindergarten Newsletter • January, 2012

Curriculum Notes

Literature: We will learn how to ask relevant questions to better understand events in a story. We will learn how to answer questions using key details from a story.

Reading: The children will continue to grow and progress in reading. During the month of January, the children will be assessed individually in reading. We will continue to have guided reading groups focusing on skills such as phonemic awareness, sight words, concepts about print, along with comprehension and decoding skills.

Math: We will continue to work on gaining deeper understanding of numbers by finding number patterns and exploring place value. We will begin to explore measurable attributes of objects.

Writing: Our writing program will continue with greater emphasis on independent writing using high frequency words, and sounding out words to write them down. We will work on writing complete stories with a beginning, middle and end. Our stories will include who, what, where and when.

Science: We will continue our study of life cycles and the needs of living things by observing the life cycle of mealworms. We will observe the seasonal change to winter and learn how people and animals adapt to cold weather.

Social Studies: This month we will talk about January holidays, such as Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We will learn about these holidays through books and art activities. We will be discussing contributions of important historical figures such as Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, and George Washington Carver. We will finish our unit on how people affect the earth's surface.

Important Date

January 2: No School

January 3: School resumes, PTA Meeting

January 6: Candid Pictures for Yearbook

January 16: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school for students and teachers)

January 18: PTA Night at Longhorn Steakhouse

January 20: 2nd Marking Period Ends

January 23: Professional day for teachers (no school for students)

January 24: 3rd Marking Period Begins, Principal's Coffee

January 27: Family Fun and Fitness Night

January 30- 31: Hearing and Vision Screening

