



## Kindergarten January Newsletter 2012

### Just a few reminders:

- Your child's homework should be returned to school every Monday.
- January is a chilly month. Please remember to send your child to school in appropriate clothing. We go outside for recess as long as it is dry and over 32 degrees (with the wind chill factor).
- Stay informed about Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) closing days. Go to <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org> or by local radio or television station.

### What we are doing in Math?

The children have been working on counting and using 1-to 1 correspondence with numbers and objects. We have also been studying the concepts of odd and even numbers, and sequencing ordinal numbers.

#### *What you could do at home:*

- Have your child count objects
- Order and name objects (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, etc.)
- Make a single digit number in different ways.



### What we are learning in Science and Social Studies?

We are exploring Weather in science and My World in our social studies.

#### *What you could do at home:*

- Have your child draw a picture of the weather each day. Have him/her label the sky, the sun, and clouds.
- Help your child explore the world around them. Take family trips to the mall or park and talk about what you saw.

### Counselor's Corner

Good study habits are important to help children realize they control how well they do in school and in life. You can help make homework

completion a positive experience by associating it with love and affection. Parents should be available for assistance with completion of homework assignments.

### What we are doing in Reading and Writing?

**Reading** -. This is an exciting time. Parents, students, and teachers all get to identify academic growth during the first half of the kindergarten year. Guided reading books will not be sent home for most of January due to assessments.

#### *What you could do at home:*

- Read! Read! Read!
- Listen to your child read to you!

**Writing** - The students continue to make steady progress in their daily journal writing. They are sounding out words (encoding) and putting those words into complete sentences.

#### *What you could do at home:*

- Based on your child's needs work on letter identification, beginning, middle, and ending sounds of words, and/or reading high frequency words.



### Important Dates:

January 2	MCPC Holiday, No School
January 3	Return to school
January 4	Data Notebooks sent home
January 9	Snowman family project
January 9-13	Reading Week at Glen Haven
January 12	Family Reading Night 7-8:30
January 19	School closed - Martin Luther King's Birthday
January 20	marking period ends
January 23	Schools closed – Professional Day
January 27	Kindergarten Movie Night-6-9:00 P.M.

Sincerely,

The Kindergarten Team (Ms. Milgram, Ms. Bisogno, Ms. Lawrence, Mrs. Mensah, Mrs. Sparacino, Ms. Lovejoy, and Ms. Green)