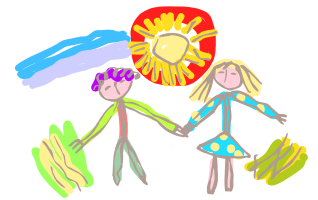


# A peek at last week in kindergarten: Week of 12/12/2011



## What did we do?

No downtime in Kindergarten this week! The kinders have been eagerly getting their Data Notebooks ready to go home. They are looking forward to going through it with you!

In math, Zero the Hero returned for the 70<sup>th</sup> day of school. He brought us a blue paper with the number 70. We handed out 70 cotton balls. Some of the children got 3 cotton balls, while some received 4. Then we glued the cotton balls onto the 70 to make a very, snowy 70 for our 70<sup>th</sup> Day. During the week, we also composed (put together) numbers to make 6 and decomposed (took apart) numbers to make 5. Finally, we made number and set quilts to hang in our classrooms.

In social studies, we read Mapping Penny's World by Loreen Leedy. We talked about similarities and differences between maps and globes.

In science, we have been talking about animal life cycles. We read several books and did a worksheet that detailed the life cycle of an animal. We talked about how 2 animal life cycles were the same and different.

In our folktale unit, we read our last folktale, The Gingerbread Man. We did a BCR about the problem in the book. Ask your child to retell the story to your family.

## REMEMBER ...

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! We had all of the kindergartners make self-portraits that will be used on our 2011-2012 Kindergarten T-shirts. **New order forms will be sent home soon so that you will have one last chance to order a shirt for your child. They will be adorable!** Please send in your order form and money as soon as possible. Kristin Weinberg, a former kindergarten parent is ordering these shirts for the 3 classes.

## What is new at centers?

Our new center rotation began on Wednesday. The Gingerbread Man is the story at the listening center this week. The children need to sequence the pictures in order to retell the story. The children are using word wall words to make a book at the writing center. At the ABC center, we are doing the last set of our word family "sliders" and doing a new "Roll a Word" game. Can you believe that we have learned 24 out of our 25 words?!

We are making a snowman and a snowman story at the art center. We also are making our own Gingerbread Man at the pocket chart. Although there is a lot of cutting and gluing, the children are very excited with the project.

## Word Wall

Words that we introduce will be listed in this area each week. Please reinforce these words at home:

I, you, me  
can, we, will  
a, the  
here, is, like, see,  
and, to, this, my,  
in, am, look, at,  
up, said, it, on

## Math Words

### Unit 2

Count  
Number  
Numberline  
More  
Less  
Equal to  
10-frame  
Compare  
Compose  
decompose

## Please be sure to note:

- **The week of December 19<sup>th</sup> will be a very exciting week in kindergarten! We will be talking about celebrations. We will be doing activities for Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa. We need plenty of volunteers for these activities. If you have not had an opportunity to volunteer, please come in. We NEED your help!**