

Mrs. Kim's K-News

January 6, 2012

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! The newsletter from the kindergarten team was sent home today. Also sent was a pink slip on 100th day celebration.

Please discuss with your child on collecting 100 things to display. Please collect something small. The examples from the past were a necklace with 100 beads, a lego castle with 100 lego pieces, and a bag of small things like pennies, pom-poms, paper clips, and so on. The K-team will display a few upstairs by the Media Center and the rest in the classroom.

The following are the objectives the students learned this week:

Language Arts:

After reading nonfiction books about butterflies and robins, the students gained more information from the photos. When reading, encourage your child to look at the pictures to seek other ways authors communicate information.

The students wrote about the winter break. They drew pictures and labeled the pictures to help them remember the information. They were reminded to add details in words and pictures to give more information about the break.

Math:

The students showed ways to make different numbers on a ten-frame. They also used manipulative to solve problems on finding missing numbers. The problems were like this: There are 9 beads in total. 3 of those beads are outside the cup. How many are inside the cup? Many students got the right answer, but when asked, "How did you solve the problem?", their answers were "I just knew it," and "My brain told me." It took a while for them to use the manipulative to show how they solved the problems.

Social Studies:

Identified and described landforms. Then the students drew and painted landforms.

Science:

Important Dates

Reading and Math Assessments: this month starting next week.

Jan. 16: no school

Jan 20: end of 2nd marking period

Jan 23: no school for students

Feb. 1: report card goes home

The students discussed the life cycle of mealworms. Then they did three different experiments on the habitats of mealworms. It took us almost all Friday to experiment, share observations, and make a journal to write our observations.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kim