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Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten

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Calendar/Important Dates

January 15th - Martin Luther King Jr. day, No school

January 19th - Report Cards

Science/Social Studies

Ms. Shank's class began a unit on ice and snow. We experimented with melting ice and salt, we made "snow", and we made snowflakes using beads to make patterns. Next week we will continue to look at ice and snow. Ms. Wawner's class has been learning about animals during the winter. Last week, we focused on hibernation and learned about specific animals who hibernate, why they do it, and where they rest during the winter months. Our group went out into the woods to create hibernation stations. This week, we are learning about migration and focusing on monarch butterflies, geese, and hummingbirds. Next week, students will learn about adaptation.

Math

Ms. Wawner's class continued to play with symmetry this week. We created symmetrical snowflakes, symmetrical robots, and ended our unit with large shape pictures, perfectly symmetrical on both sides. Next week, students will learn about positional words. Ms. Shank's class continued to learn about patterns, with shapes, colors, and objects. We also learned about symmetry and made butterflies showing symmetry. We also matched snowflake halves to show symmetry. Next week we will also be working in small differentiated math groups. Some groups will be reviewing prior work where they demonstrated weakness. Other groups will be extending their understanding of concepts we have learned.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class enjoyed learning about Ezra Jack Keats and reading some of his famous stories. This week, we read "Snowy Day" and compared Peter's snow day activities to our favorite snow day activities. We also read "Goggles" and talked about our secret hideouts. Students have made the connection that Keats often writes about kids in New York City and likes to write about a boy named Peter, who is brave and adventurous. We also learned about the letter Rr and our sight word "to." Next week we will continue reading some of Ezra Jack Keats' stories, learn about the letter Uu and introduce the sight word "me."

Ms. Shank's class continued our study of Ee and our sight word "see". Next week we will focus on the letter Rr and our sight words will be "you" and "in". Our book will be "Fun in the Sun". We will also begin learning how to rhyme and looking at word families.

Theology

Ms. Wawner's class learned about Martin Luther King, Jr. this week. We focused on how Dr. King wanted people to be peaceful and kind and to treat others with respect and dignity. Students will learn about Jesus as a role model next week. Ms. Shank's class will continue our study of Moses and learn about Martin Luther King, Jr.

Other News and Reminders

Even though the weather is turning colder, we will continue to get the students outside for recess as often as possible. Please make sure your child has the outerwear needed so that they can participate in recess. Below are the guidelines we follow:

- Students should stay inside if the wind-chill factor is below 25°F.
- If the wind-chill is in the 30s, students should have a coat (not a sweatshirt) and it should be encouraged that their heads are covered (hat or cinched coat/sweatshirt hood).
- If the wind-chill is in the 40s, students should at least have a sweatshirt on.
- **Students who do not have the proper outerwear will sit in the front office for recess.**

Both classes will be working on how to put on coats independently. By this time in the year they should be able to do this. Any practice at home would be most helpful.

Ms. Shank's class will be sending stuffed animals home in the next 2 weeks. It has become a competition between who has the largest or who has the most. Our rest time is being slowly reduced and after our Easter break we will be eliminating rest time.