

December 5, 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians,



I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. The students told me how much good food they ate, the fun they had playing with cousins and other family members, and even how they got to sleep in!

During this past week the students learned about the letter Uu. Some of the words we thought of that start with letter Uu include: United States, umbrella, umbrella bird, under, uniform, up, unusual, and unicycle. We also met our new letter person, Ms. U with her unusual umbrella that helps her fly! We sorted through picture cards to help us identify which started with the same sound as Ms. U. Another fun activity we did was using word mats to help us build words. The students are getting very good at spelling out CVC words (consonant, vowel, consonant words)! This would be a great skill to continue at home.



Our theme of the week was holidays. We discussed the word "traditions" and learned about other countries traditions as well as some of our own family traditions. In Sweden, gnomes bearing gifts and toys are often hidden in the homes. In Poland, families start eating their candlelit meal when someone sees the first start of the night. And in Italy the kids find



presents hidden in their shoes. What are some family traditions you do in your home? Please discuss these with your child.



In Math the students learned a math game to play with a dreidel. Each student took turns spinning a top. Once the top landed the students looked at the symbol. Each symbol had the student do something different: shin (pay into the pot), hey (take half the pot), nun (do nothing), and gimel (win the whole pot). The students really enjoyed this game. We also found the different ways to make ten, worked with fact families, and continued working with 2D shapes on geoboards and with pattern blocks.

Next week our theme will include gingerbread. We



will read many different versions of the book, The Gingerbread Man. After reading each of the different versions, the students will vote/decide which version was their favorite. We will also bake gingerbread cookies here at school. If you would like to help donate supplies, please let me know 😊 Thanks so much for your generosity. Our Kindervention letter will be Vv. In Math, students continue to work with patterns, solve addition story problems, use the count on strategy. Please remember to send your child's \$5.00 book exchange gift to school by Friday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. Please label the gift with to and from on the tag 😊

Have a great weekend and try to stay warm!

Mrs. Galles

## Next Week:

Letter: Vv

Everyday words: **does**

Math: patterns blocks, counting on strategies, and story problems

## Upcoming Events:

- **Jr K/Kindergarten Holiday Concert:** **Thurs. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 High School Auditorium.** Please have your child dressed and ready to go by 6:10 pm in room 302. Please remember to dress up (no jeans please) 😊
- **Book Exchange gift:** please send by Friday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. Please refer to the note stapled to your child's folder. Please make sure to write to and from on the wrapped gift. We will open them the Thursday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if you have any questions 😊
- **Thurs., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>:** Polar Express Day 😊 Please have your child wear PJ's and bring a blanket! Look for more information to follow 😊
- **Early Dismissal:** Fri. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 Winter Break Begins
- **Classes Resume:** Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> (Beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter)
- **NO SCHOOL:** Friday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> Teacher In Service
- **NO SCHOOL:** Monday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King Day
- **Early Dismissal:** Wednesday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 1:30 (Elem. only)
- **Early Dismissal:** Wednesday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 (Elem. only)
- **NO SCHOOL:** Friday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> In Service
- **NO SCHOOL:** Monday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> President's Day
- **Early Dismissal:** Wednesday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 (All Buildings)
- **Kindergarten Round up:** Thursday Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. No School for current Jr. K and Kindergarten students (grades 1 – 12 will have school as normal). Jr. K students do not need to attend round up. \*Snow dates will be March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> if needed.

## Kindervention:

**Week of Aug 25<sup>th</sup>:** Letter Mm **Everyday words:** **I, like, to**

**Week of Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Letter Tt    **Everyday words:** and, are, you

**Week of Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>:** Letter Ff    **Everyday words:** do, see, the

**Week of Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>:** Letter Nn    **Everyday words:** made, my

**Week of Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Letter Hh    **Everyday words:** is, there

**Week of Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>:** Letter review    **Everyday words:** review

**Week of Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>:** Letter Aa    **Everyday words:** me

**Week of Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>:** Letter Pp    **Everyday words:** a, on

**Week of Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>:** Letter Zz    **Everyday words:** they

**Week of Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>:** Letter Bb    **Everyday words:** it

**Week of Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Letter Ii    **Everyday words:** will

**Week of Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>:** Letter Ss    **Everyday words:** go, at, when

**Week of Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>:** Letter Dd    **Everyday words:** have, in

**Week of Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>:** Review    **Everyday words:** review

**Week of Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>:** Letter Uu    **Everyday words:** get

**Week of Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>:** Letter Vv    **Everyday words:** does