

January 15, 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians,

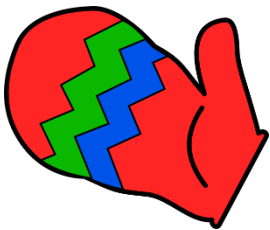


Only 6 more school days until the 100th day of school! All the students are so excited to celebrate this special day. Each day the countdown is on, one day closer to the fun day.

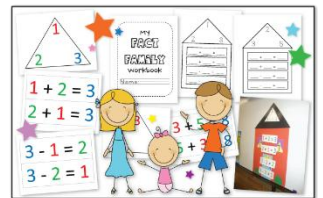
Our letter of the week was Ww. The students brainstormed words that started with Ww which included: winter, watch, weather, will, when, water, watermelon, window, woman, walk, and walrus. Please continue to think of more words to add to the list with your child at home. We also met our letter person, Ms. W with her wonderful words. We found her "hidden letters" when she winks. Our poem of the week was "A Wise Old Owl." We discussed how we are like/different from a wise old owl. Another skill we worked on this week is building words with Ww. We used the letters l, n, p, s, t, and w. We would spell out rhyming words by changing the beginning sound (ex: Start with *pin* and make a new word by changing the /p/ to a /w/.



Our theme of the week was snow and mittens. We read the book, The Mitten, by Jan Brett. In the story a little boy drops one of the mittens his grandma just made for him. Throughout the story a new animal enters the mitten to find a warm, dry spot to sleep. Please ask your child to retell the story. Story pieces were sent home earlier this week to sequence the animals ☺



In Math the students focused on writing fact families. Although this is a tough skill, the students seem to be picking up on this rather quickly. Please continue to practice this at home. We practiced counting by 10's to 100, discussed the tens column, and revisited the tens frame. Along with the items above, we solved story



problems in our math journals. The students have shared some interesting thoughts on how they arrived at their answer!



Next week our letter focus of the week will be on Oo. We will also learn about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and why he is such an important influence in our lives. Please talk with your child about who he was and why he changed the lives of all Americans. Our theme will also include hibernation. We will learn all about hibernation, which animals hibernate in the winter, and why they hibernate. In Math we will order numbers from smallest to largest, compare quantities using a tens frame, and solving math problems in our journals.



Have a safe and fun weekend.

Mrs. Galles

Upcoming Events:

- **NO SCHOOL:** Monday, Jan. 19th Martin Luther King Day
- **Early Dismissal:** Wednesday, Jan. 21st @ 1:30 (Elem. only)
- **100th Day:** Tuesday, Jan. 27th (pending no more snow days).
- **Friday, Jan. 30th:** Have your child **wear black and white** to school (dress up like a penguin day ☺).
- **Early Dismissal:** Wednesday, Feb. 4th @ 1:30 (Elem. only)
- **Valentine's Day Boxes:** please create a box at home with your child and send to school starting Monday, Feb. 9th. We will pass out valentines to our class on Thursday, Feb. 12th.
- **NO SCHOOL:** Friday, Feb. 13th In Service
- **NO SCHOOL:** Monday, Feb. 16th President's Day
- **Early Dismissal:** Wednesday, Feb. 25th @ 1:30 (All Buildings)
- **Kindergarten Round up:** Thursday Feb. 26th and Friday, Feb. 27th. No School for current Jr. K and Kindergarten students (grades 1 – 12 will have school as normal). *Snow dates will be March 5th and 6th if needed. ***Students in Jr. Kindergarten do not need to attend Round up. The students are already enrolled in the district and thus their information is on file. The students will**

automatically be placed in a Kindergarten classroom for the 2015 – 2016 school year.

- **Early Dismissal:** Wednesday, March 4th @ 1:30 (Elem. only)
- **Wed. March 11th:** End of 3rd Quarter
- **Early Dismissal: Tuesday, March 17th @ 1:30** Conferences 4 – 7:30 All Buildings
- **Early Dismissal: Wed. March 18th @ 1:30** In Service for Elementary Conferences for MS and HS
- **Early Dismissal: Thurs. March 19th @ 1:30** Conferences 4 – 7:30 Elementary (In Service for MS and HS)
- **NO SCHOOL: Friday, March 20th** Staff Compensation Day

Kindervention:

Week of Aug 25th: Letter Mm **Everyday words:** I, like, to

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

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

Week of Sept. 15th: Letter Nn **Everyday words:** made, my

Week of Sept. 23rd: Letter Hh **Everyday words:** is, there

Week of Sept. 30th: Letter review **Everyday words:** review

Week of Oct. 6th: Letter Aa **Everyday words:** me

Week of Oct. 13th: Letter Pp **Everyday words:** a, on

Week of Oct. 20th: Letter Zz **Everyday words:** they

Week of Oct. 27th: Letter Bb **Everyday words:** it

Week of Nov. 3rd: Letter Ii **Everyday words:** will

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

Week of Nov. 17th: Letter Dd **Everyday words:** have, in

Week of Nov. 24th: Review **Everyday words:** review

Week of Dec. 1st: Letter Uu **Everyday words:** get

Week of Dec. 8th: Letter Vv **Everyday words:** does

Week of Dec. 15th: Letter review **Everyday words:** review

Week of Jan. 5th: Letter Ll **Everyday words:** look

Week of Jan. 12th: Letter Ww **Everyday words:** we

Week of Jan. 20th: Letter Oo **Everyday words:** this