Mrs. Roehrs’ Classroom News

Monday, December 4, 2017

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***Reading & Writing***

* ***In Reading***: we will review letter Aa and the short a sound. Hopefully you are having your children practice sheet of sight words that was sent home at conferences. Four new words this week: ***come, me, his, from***.
* ***Phonemic Awareness:*** We will continue to work on **blending** **phonemes**. Phonemes are the sounds that represent each letter. We will also begin to focus on the FINAL SOUND in words. I will ask, “What is the last (or final) sound in *sun?” /n/*
* ***Comprehension:*** We will continue to talk about what good readers do. This week I will talk about **comparing** and **contrasting**. They will be encouraged to think about how things are the same and different. Tell your child that as they listen to a story, they should think about how things are the same or different from what they know.
* ***Fluency:*** We will remind the children that good readers pause when they come to a period at the end of a sentence.
* ***In Writing Workshop***, we have been working on writing lists. We will then take a list and turn it into a book. We still have MANY students that struggle with working independently at this time. Please consider having your child practice stretching out words and writing the sounds they hear at home. Many would benefit from writing a sentence each night. I encourage them to try first and then ask for help if necessary.

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* We will start a new chapter - “Numbers 0 to 20.” They will practice counting up to 20 objects by using one-to-one correspondence. They will work on “one more” by using 10-frames to count on. They will also compare and sequence numbers to 20.
* **Encourage your child to count by 1’s and 10’s to 100.**
* **Help your child count and write their numbers to 20. Be sure they are forming their numbers correctly. Reversals are normal for now.**
* **Solving simple story problems is an excellent way to work on many skills at once.** For example: Six birds were sitting in a tree. Three flew away. How many were still sitting in the tree?
* **Consider doing both addition and subtraction problems.**

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***Math***

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Parents and Guardians:

Please let me know of any religious or personal beliefs I need to be aware of as we approach this holiday season. Thank you, in advance, for your help!

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SPECIALS SCHEDULE

Monday – Art

Tuesday – Art and P.E.

Wednesday – Computers and Music

Thursday – P.E. and Library

Friday – Music

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1. **Library Books:** Please be sure to return your child’s library book every week by Tuesday. If they forget their book, they cannot check out another one until it is returned. They get so sad about this. Thanks for your help.
2. **Popcorn Money:** Please send in money for popcorn at any time. You can also pay ahead if that makes it easier for you.
3. **End of Day Dismissal:** If your child changes their afternoon routine for going home, please let me know by sending in a note, or calling the office at 775-2280.
4. **Christmas Outreach Items Due:** Dec. 4th
5. **Book Orders Due:** Dec. 8th. Books make great holiday gifts. Please let me know if your order contains a gift for your child. I can call you when the order arrives and it can be picked up in the office.
6. **Christmas Break:** Dec. 22nd-Jan. 1st
7. **Reading Logs Due:** Dec. 21st

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Please let me know if you would be willing to donate one of the ingredients needed for “Reindeer Chow.” We will be doing an activity with this fun snack mix on Thursday, December 21st . We need one package of each of the following snacks:

Pretzel Sticks

Mini Marshmallows

Honeycomb Cereal

Large Bag of Plain M & M’s

The kids have a great time sorting, counting, and eating these yummy treats!

**Holiday Spirit Days:**

Dec. 18th: Pajama Day

Dec. 19th: Santa’s Workshop Day

Dress like Santa, Reindeer, or Elves

Dec. 20th: Wacky Wednesday

Wear crazy Christmas clothes

Dec. 21st: Holiday Color Block

Wear your favorite holiday color

Dec. 22nd: No School!

**Holiday Party**



I plan to have a Holiday party for the children during the last week before the holiday break. We will be making gingerbread houses during the party. Please refer to the supply list that was sent home this week. If you cannot supply the items assigned to your child, please let me know as soon as possible and I will be sure to make other arrangements. I am still working on the final details for the party. **The party will be on December 20th from 2:00-3:15**

Thank you for your support!

**Cold weather is here!**

Your child should come to school with a **warm coat**, **hat**, and **gloves**. When it snows, boots and snow pants will be required to play on the playground. Otherwise, they stay on the black top.

**Please label all clothing with**

**first and last names!**

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