

Mrs. Comeau's Kindergarten
January Parent Note
2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you had an enjoyable and restful vacation weeks.

Thank you all so much for your creative and thoughtful gift. Miss. Harrington and I felt very appreciated and loved.

ESL: Our focus for December and all of this month is moving deeper into reading and writing sentences. We will be learning and really practicing our skills at using various strategies to read words. (see the attached page) These skills are part of the foundations of reading. We review and practice them several times a day. When listening to your child read from their weekly book bags (which started in November), we strongly encourage you to help your child to embrace these strategies while they read to you. There is a copy of the strategies in the book bag as well) Our writing efforts will also move into sentences. We will be using these higher level skills to create stories, how to books, informational books and opinion based critiques. We will be embracing our phonemic spelling; writing what we hear. Have no fear, as time and experience builds, they will learn the correct spelling patterns. We are learning to edit our writing with the help of check lists and writing buddies. We will also be trying our hands at "jazzing up our writing". This is where we take a nice basic sentence and add adjectives, adverbs and connecting words to make our writing fuller and more interesting. Kindergarten keeps getting better and better!

MATH: We will be working more with numbers in regards to addition. We will explore different ways to show an addition equation. i.e. drawing a picture, writing a number sentence, using an abacus, a ten frame and a number line. Look out, here comes some terrific mathematicians! We will also be exploring solving number sentences.

UNIT: We are spending the month discussing Winter; it's weather, snowflakes in particular, animals locally and in wintry climates, Our science studies will examine how snowflakes are made, the best method to melt ice and how blubber helps keep arctic animals warm.

OUTSIDE: We will be going outside for a breath of fresh air as much as possible so please dress your child accordingly. If they wear boots, **PLEASE** send sneakers/shoes. Boots tend to be big and clunky and hazardous to walk with, in the classroom.

CLOSED: Friday, Jan 12 no school, professional day for teachers
Monday, Jan 15 for Martin L. King Day.

Print strategies for tricky words

Point under the word



LOOK AT THE PICTURE

Sound it out



cat

Look at the first and last letter

Skip and reread



ed ing sh er

is it a sight word

my is are look of



switch the vowel

Does it make sense ? ? ? ?