

December Newsletter

Grade 1

Language Arts

The first graders have been making progress in writing. We are working on “elaboration and beginning, middle, and end”. We will continue to focus on the correct usage of capitalization and punctuation in their writing. Children often form their letters incorrectly. Proper formation of letters in First Grade is necessary for carry over into cursive in Second Grade. Reinforcement at home will be beneficial.

Math

During the month of December, the students will learn how numbers are made up of smaller numbers. This is an essential concept underlying addition and subtraction. There are two major concepts that the students will be expected to understand. First, every whole number is made up of number pairs. Example: 5 can be thought of as 0 and 5, 1 and 4, 2 and 3, and no other positive number pairs can be found. Second, the numbers are uniquely paired. Example: If 2 is one of two parts of 5, then the other must be 3. Children will be investigating these relationships many different ways.

Winter Clothing

With blustery winds and freezing temperatures, we wanted to remind parents that the children will still participate in outdoor recess most days. Therefore, warm coats, hats, and mittens or gloves will be needed. When there is enough snow on the ground, children will be allowed to walk and play in the snow only if they are wearing waterproof snow boots and snow pants. To salvage precious recess time, please practice putting on winter clothing at home.

Happy Holidays!

As the hectic pace of the holiday preparations fill our days and the children's excitement mounts, they may need extra rest and encouragement to maintain good work habits and proper behavior.

Here are some educational holiday gift suggestions for children:

Magnetic letters and numbers	Erasers
Non-digital watch	Markers
Model or craft kits with directions	Flash cards
Books with tapes or CDs	Books
Crayons	Calculator
Pencils	Puzzles
Paper for writing (journals, diaries, stationary)	Scissors
Construction Paper	Glue
Paint	Wipe-off boards
Children's dictionary	Leap Frog
Educational computer games	Poetry books
Microscope/Telescope	Science kits

School Calendar

December 24-January 1
January 2

Holiday Vacation
School Resumes