

Happy December!!

We'd like to give you a recap of what we've been working on these past few weeks and share some information that's coming up!

#### CURRICULUM:

**WORKSHOPS-** In Readers we are working on finishing up Unit 1: We Are Readers. We are discussing rereading familiar stories, using connecting words, using more words in familiar texts. In Writers we are also finishing up Unit 1 and adding more pictures to our narrative stories, and stretching and writing words. In Phonics we are finishing Unit 2: Word Scientists. The kids are learning that listening to beginning and ends of words matter and are practicing snap words: I, a, the, me, my, like, look, at, see, here, this, is.

Please consider making flashcards for your children at home! They can all use the practice.

**SCIENCE-** We are continuing our Unit called Marble Run Engineer and are still studying pushing, pulling, and dropping objects. We will discuss force and will eventually design our own marble run tracks.

**SOCIAL STUDIES-** In Social Studies we are working on Unit 1, Getting Along. We will be talking about rules, citizenship, and character.

**MATH-** We hope you've also seen your child's completed math pages come home in the Thursday folders. The homework pages that are related to those lessons are also in the Thursday

folder and you are welcome to do them. You can return them or may keep at home. We are currently working on Geometry and which is more.

#### SPECIALIST CLASSES:

COMPUTERS- Be sure to ask your child what they did in computer class. Thank you to those parents who have sent in headphones!

LIBRARY - Please help your child be responsible in returning their library books. If they do not return their books by the following Wednesday they will not be able to check-out another book. Feel free to send the book in earlier during the week if that is easier for your family.

PMT (Perceptual Motor Training) - Thank you for all the help in PMT. Please remember that your child needs to wear tennis shoes on Wednesdays.

#### HOMEWORK:

KHAN ACADEMY - In addition to any math worksheets sent home we have a link to Khan Academy on our website. Please register your child using their name. It's meant to be a supplemental math program for you to do with your child. You may do Khan Academy as little or as much as you like, however, we recommend at least two times per week.

RAZ-KIDS - RAZ is a teaching app that provides leveled reading e-books for students. We are checking in to see who is

using RAZ and would love to see it being used about 3-4 times a week for 15-20 minutes.

READING - As your child is learning to read please take 20 minutes a day to read with your child. 20 minutes a night can be with RAZ if you are unable to read with them.

#### REMINDERS:

It's the most wonderful time of the year! We hope that you and your family are enjoying this holiday season. With that said, with winter come more germs!! Please remind your children about hand washing/sanitizing and covering coughs. We appreciate you keeping your children home if they have a fever (even slight!), stomach bug, or if they aren't feeling well! Its helps us all stay healthy!

Books!! Do you have any holiday/winter read aloud books that you no longer read in your home or that you would like to donate to our class!?? We desperately need some and would be thrilled with any hand me downs you would like to donate.

On Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> it is a minimum day and all of Kindergarten comes at 8:20 and leaves at 10:50. There is also a winter sing a long that day! We will be in touch with the time for that.

Winter Break is Dec 21- Jan 6<sup>th</sup>!! Monday is a teacher work day, so school resumes TUESDAY, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>! Please make note of this wacky change!

Also, we still have some plates from the Thanksgiving Feast that need to be picked up. They are in Room 200 (Beem/ Bohannan)

As always, please feel free to email us with any questions and concerns.

Thank you and Happy Holidays,  
The Kindergarten Team