

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe it's January and half way through the Kindergarten year! Here's what we are up to in class.

#### CURRICULUM:

**WORKSHOPS-** In Readers we are working on Unit 2: Super Powers. We are discussing the super powers that all great readers use; Pointer Power, Partner Power, Snap Word Power! In Writers we are in Unit 2, Writing for Readers. We are working on writing true stories. In Phonics we are in Unit 3: Word Part Power. The kids are using their snap words to begin rhyming and making new words. Please help your children memorize the snap words at home: and, at, a, an, be, can, do, here, is, I, in , it , like, look, me, my, see, the, this, to, we

Please consider making flashcards, they can all use the practice. We add more each week and send out updates so you can add to your flashcards.

**SCIENCE-** We are entering a Unit called Be Prepared. This unit focuses on weather, weather patterns, preparing for different weather, and talking about what weather really is.

**SOCIAL STUDIES-** In Social Studies we are finishing Unit 1, Getting Along and continuing to Unit 2, Symbols.

**MATH-** In math we are working on Number Pairs, and Addition and Subtraction to 10. 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.

#### 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:

MATH - Every Thursday you will receive a packet of math homework in the Thursday folder that correlates directly to the math lessons completed that week. THIS HOMEWORK IS OPTIONAL. If you and your child choose to do the math worksheets you may return them to school the following Friday in the empty Thursday folder. You may also do them with your child and keep them at home.

KHAN ACADEMY - In addition to the math worksheets 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:

Its MLK weekend and there is No School this Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Please remember that the weather is chilly and send your child to school in layers. Please label all clothing!

Valentines Day is approaching and we will send out more information about that soon!

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

Thank you!!

The Kindergarten Team