

# **DECEMBER NEWS**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Merry Christmas! Two busy holiday months have now passed, with another busy one upon us! Please note the academic areas we will be covering this month and work on these things during your child's regularly scheduled homework time.

**READING:** We are pleased with the progress the children are making with their reading skills. Nearly all children now have their letter sounds mastered and are ready to begin sounding out and blending words together reading many new words. The pre-de-code books are still coming home for a little longer with new sight words to be mastered. Please go over all the sight words in these little books it will help in their sentence fluency so much.

**PENMANSHIP:** We feel most children now have the ability to do neat, acceptable work. If your child is being marked down in the area of neatness, please take it seriously. Sloppy work that is not your child's best effort should be redone at home as homework. **Home practice on lined paper** is especially beneficial for children having difficulties with penmanship. We are not looking for perfection, be **we are expecting each child's personal best**. Remember to put your child's name on all papers returned to school.

**MATH:** **We have covered the numbers 1-12.** Please practice with your child the number recognition of numbers 1-12 in order, in dot to dots, and out of order. They should also be counting orally to 40. **During** the month of December we will continue adding to 5, and introduce some subtraction. We will continue writing numbers into the teens next and on up to thirty so we still have a lot of learning ahead of us. Those children not having mastery of numbers 1-10 need to work extra hard at home so addition and subtraction will not be so hard.

During the month of December we can use boxes of Kleenex (especially with the cold season upon us), hand sanitizers, assorted colors of Christmas garland, glitter, fun stickers, M&M's, small marshmallows, or fruit loops (used for math activities). Finally, Thanks for all you do both at home and at school to make our school day run just a little smoother!

***Please parents with the cold weather now we need the children to wear coats each day to school. The students go outside every day; they need to dress for the weather. Please write names in coats and mittens because many look the same and get mixed up with each other. The teachers go outside with the students and cannot leave the student in the classroom alone so they need to go out. Dress warm please.***

Again MERRY CHRISTMAS and have a great holiday together!

Sincerely,  
The Kindergarten Teachers