



# Kindergarten News



January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## What's New?

Your **January family project** came home earlier this week. You will be making a family snowman! So far we have seen some very creative results! The kids love to share their work with the class, and they look great in the hallway. Thank you!



## Box Tops Contest

The PTA is sponsoring another Box Tops contest between all of the classrooms here at Randolph. We came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place during the first school wide contest. Thanks to all of you who have been filling our collection jar once again. Keep it up! Contest ends February 20<sup>th</sup>.



Winter is here! If your child wears **snow boots** to school, please send extra shoes! We like to leave wet boots in the hallway so the rugs and floor in our classroom stay dry. We sit on the floor a lot. Thank you!

**Every Friday is Pencil Day!** This is optional, and it will continue through the year. Feel free to send in a quarter any day of the week and I will hold them until Friday. The new pencils will come home at the end of the day on Friday.



## This week's treasure

**Book:**

Owl Moon



Next week's treasure book:  
NO new treasure book

## Mark your calendar:

**NO SCHOOL- January 15<sup>th</sup>**

**PTA Family Movie Night- January 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Spirit Day-College Team Day-  
January 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Cookies & Canvas (PTA Event)-  
January 26<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm**

**Check out our classroom photos...  
updated daily!**

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## Reading Rocks!

This week we continued our latest reading unit, **Pattern Books**. Our lessons this week focused on listening for the sing-song/rhythm, or rhyming quality that many pattern books have. We also worked on using the pattern and the pictures to predict what words will be on upcoming pages.



## Word Work



Each week, we are learning new **HEART WORDS**. We call them heart words because we need to know them in our hearts and by sight (they are not words to be sounded out). Please practice these words at

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home, and look for them in the books you read, or in the poetry binder that came home today.

## New Words This Week:

do, on, got

## Our Heart Words:

I, you, we, the, up, go, so, as, see, in, to, my, am, is, an, all, at, can, me, mom, dad had, little, love, her, has, be, over, his, good, said

## This Week's Rhymes:

### Do You Know the Muffin Man?

## Growing Writers

This week we continued on our writing unit which focuses on writing **small moment stories**. The kids now have 2-3 books in their folders, and we are working on really sticking to just one event and making it stretch across many pages. The students are also really working on using spaces between their words and stretching the unknown words slowly, so they are able to get a few letters per word (as opposed to just the first and/or last). Finally, the class worked on writing our heart words in a snap when writing (sight/heart words should not be stretched or sounded out).



## Math Matters!

This week in math the students worked a lot on **measurement**. We had a lesson on weight using a balance scale. We also focused a day on capacity. They LOVED that! If you didn't hear about it, ask them about the containers

and the beans. Make sure they use the word **capacity** when they are explaining to you what we did in class! They also worked on **building numbers**. Using two different colors of cubes, they built as many different towers (combinations of the two colors) as they could for their given number. This is a great lesson for number sense, addition and subtraction. Plus they had a great time and recorded their work on the papers that are hanging by our classroom. We also practiced **skip counting** this week, by 10s.

## Science Spin

This week our lesson focused on our sense of hearing. The students had to rely on their ears to match containers that had the same contents. They worked on this in small groups, and as an added challenge they also had to figure out what was in the containers...without looking. It's harder than you may think, but the class did great!



## The Leader in Me

Randolph Elementary is a Leader in Me school. This week we continued to look at **Habit 6: Synergize-Together is Better**. We read some books about teamwork and talked about how important it is to work well with others. This week we read a story from our 7 Habits book. **Ask your kindergartener about our story this week, where Jumper and his pals played a soccer game against the Big Bad Badgers.**



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**How did the friends use Habit 6 to win the game? Would they have won the game if they did not work together? Do you remember who scored the winning goal?**  
(Allie)

## Character Counts!

This week we continued our focus on **RESPONSIBILITY**. Being **RESPONSIBLE** means to take care of things and it also means to own your own actions/choices. This is a great skill to have in a kindergarten classroom, and really anywhere! This week we read a book called **Pigsty**.

Wendell was not being responsible with his bedroom, and it was an absolute mess!



**Ask your kindergartener about the story: When Wendell decided to keep his room a mess, who showed up? How did he feel when more pigs showed up? What responsible thing did Wendell decide to do? (And he even had the pigs help!) What game did the pigs play with Wendell?** This book gives you a great chance to talk with your kindergartener about being responsible when it comes to keeping his/her room clean!

## Friendly Reminders

Things your kindergartener will need each day, for a successful day of school:

**\*\* A water bottle and a healthy snack.**

Please remember to save candy, cookies, and chips for lunch.

**\*\* Their blue folder.** Please empty this each night. It will often contain homework or notes to be filled out and returned.

**\*\*Return the Song and Poetry Binder, blue folder, the small treasure bag, and your child's water bottle on Monday.**

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