



# Kindergarten News



December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

## What's New?



**2018!** Looking forward to starting 2018 off on the right foot...and I need your help!

Encourage your kindergartener to spend

a few minutes each day during vacation with books. Read them, talk about them, write/draw pictures about them! You could also do some counting, sorting, talking, rhyming, singing....help your kindergartener continue all of the progress that has been made so far.

Thanks and have fun!

Thanks to all who donated items and/or their time today's Christmas party. The kids were awesome (of course) and a great time was had by all. We couldn't do any of this without all of you (*even those of you who could only be here in spirit ☺*)

Thank you for signing and returning the **report card envelope**. Thank you as well, for all of the positive feedback and for celebrating all that your child has learned. We are just getting started!



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.



**NO SONG/POETRY BINDER COMING HOME TODAY. It will come home again in January.**

**NO TREASURE BAG TODAY**

**This week's treasure Book:**

**NO new treasure book**



Next week's treasure book:  
Owl Moon

## Mark your calendar:

School resumes **Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

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

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## Reading Rocks!

This week we continued our new reading unit, **Pattern Books**. Our lessons this week focused on looking for patterns and using the pictures to help us decide what words might be in the book.



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

### New Words This Week:

his, good, said

### 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

### This Week's Rhymes:

Little Jack Horner

## Growing Writers

We have started our new writing unit, **Small Moment Stories**. The students are learning that small moment stories are about only 1 thing (stay on topic), are true, and are told in order. We have read some great examples of small moment stories, such as Bippity-Bop Barber Shop and My Daddy's Truck Picks Me Up. This week we learned to zoom in, as a way to add more details to a page in our books.

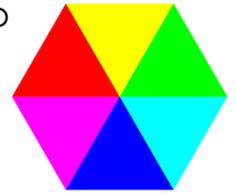
## Math Matters!

This week in math the students worked on **teen numbers**, and did some work

with quick looks. I show them a card with black dots on it, for only a few seconds. They need to hold the image in their head and then say/write the number of dots that were on the card.

This is an excellent activity for building their visual memory skills. They also used pattern blocks (shapes) to build different shapes.

For example, using 6 small triangles to make a hexagon, and they



recorded their work onto paper, which they shared with the class.

## Science Spin

This week we did not have a new science lesson. We will resume our study of the 5 Senses in January.

## The Leader in Me

Randolph Elementary is a Leader in Me school. This week we continued to look at Habit 5: Listen Before You Talk. We read some books about listening with more than just your ears. In order to really be a good listener, the students are learning that it's important to listen with your eyes and your heart as well. This week we read a story from our 7 Habits book. **Ask your kindergartener about our book this week, A Porcupine Named Fluffy. How was he feeling when no one was hearing what he was saying about his feelings? Who did he meet and how did his new friend use Habit 5 to make him feel better? This story brought lots of giggles out, ask your kindergartener to tell you about something funny that happened in the book.**

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## Character Counts!

This week we began our focus on **RESPONSIBILITY**. Being **RESPONSIBLE** means to take care of things and it also means to own your own actions. This is a great skill to have in a kindergarten classroom, and really anywhere! This week we read a book called *Be A Good Citizen*. **Ask your kindergartener how the animals at Zoo School learned about what it means to be a good citizen. What did they do for their school that showed how responsible they are?**



*I would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. May all of your holiday wishes come true!*



## Friendly Reminders

Things your kindergartner 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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