



Kindergarten News



December 8th, 2017

What's New?

First trimester **report cards** are coming home today! Please keep all of the pages included, and sign the envelope. Please return the envelope by next Friday, as I will be reusing it next trimester.

We will be doing some special Christmas activities and having some special snacks on Friday, December 22nd, in the morning. We hope to begin around 9:30, so that we can have everything finished up before the sing-along at 11:20. I will send out a Sign-Up Genius for those who wish to donate. If you would like to come in and lend a hand that morning, all are welcome. You can come in anytime. 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.



Today your child is bringing home his/her **Song and Poetry Binder**. This binder will come home

each Friday and is to be returned on Monday. Please take some time this weekend to listen to your kindergartener read/sing the pages in his/her binder. There is also a section in the back for our Weekly Reader magazines. These provide the students with exposure to and practice with nonfiction text.

Today your child is bringing home his/her **treasure bag!**

Please remove this treasure from the small bag and read over the paper that is included. The treasure can go into the large treasure bag that is located inside your child's folder. The large treasure bag stays at home...the small one goes back and forth each week, transporting a new treasure. Please return the small treasure bag to school on Monday.



This week's treasure Book: **If You Give a Mouse a Cookie**

Next week's treasure book:
Noisy Nora

Mark your calendar:

December 22nd - AM Class Christmas Fun
December 22nd - 11:20 All School Sing Along
and Christmas Spirit Day (wear your Christmas shirts or red & green)
There is NO SCHOOL Monday, December 25th - Friday, January 5th. School resumes **Monday, January 8th.**

Check out our classroom photos... updated daily!

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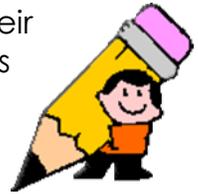
Reading Rocks!

This week we began our new reading unit, **Pattern Books**. Our lessons this week focused on learning what a pattern book is (most of the words are the same on each page), figuring out the pattern and holding it in your head; using the cover, title and pictures to determine what the story is about, and pointing to each word on the page when reading.



Growing Writers

We are making great progress in our writing unit. The students have a large collection of books in their writing folders. They are learning to write **nonfiction** books, to teach someone about one of our class collections (acorns, rocks, leaves, and pinecones). This week their focus was on writing books that are based on the similarities and differences between the items in each collection. They also wrote a book using comparisons to known objects to teach their reader even more about their items.



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:

love, her, has

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

This Week's Rhymes:

I Love Snow

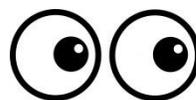
We Love Santa

Old Mother Hubbard



Math Matters!

This week in math the students spent a lot of time working on the names and attributes of shapes. The students practiced sorting objects and they also played a game in which they had to feel shapes to identify them....it was great! Take a look around your house for things that are shaped like a circle, triangle, rectangle or square. They worked with their team to fill their team square with things that are square, which they cut from magazines. They also used their white boards to practice writing numbers, practice number sequence and build memory skills.



Science Spin

This week we focused once again on our sense of sight. The students used their eyes to identify objects with a

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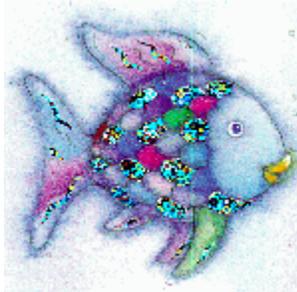
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variety of attributes. They learned that some things can be learned without our eyes, however there are some attributes that can only be identified by looking at an object.

The Leader in Me

Randolph Elementary is a Leader in Me school. We have been learning more about Habit 4 this week: **Everyone Can Win** (Think Win-Win). The idea is that when there is a conflict, or a difference of opinion, the people who are involved can work on coming up with a third alternative...a way for both people to be happy with the result. This way there is not one winner and one loser, but instead two people who have made a compromise. This life skill also applies even where there is no conflict and this week we have been reading books that contain characters who model sharing, thinking of others, and kindness. **This week we read a book called The Rainbow Fish to learn about Habit 4. Ask your kindergartener about what happened when the other fish asked Rainbow Fish to share his shiny scales and he said "NO!". How did he feel when all the fish ignored him? How did the Rainbow Fish use Habit 4- Everyone Can Win? What was the result of that choice?**



Character Counts!

This week we continued our focus on

EMPATHY. Having **EMPATHY** means you share the feelings of others. It has been a great way to teach the class about how important it is to think

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of others and how our actions can affect other people. This week we read **Howard B Wigglebottom Learns to Listen. Ask you kindergartener if Howard was showing any empathy in the beginning of the story. How did that make his friends feel? How did things change for Howard once he started to show empathy and listen to others?**

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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