

# Kindergarten December Newsletter

Happy Holidays to all our kindergarten families! You have all been so wonderful this first semester helping out in the classroom, volunteering for our many projects, supplying many of the projects with special items, and giving us kind words of encouragement. Without all of you, our jobs would be doubly challenging working with the eighty-five awesome children in our team. Your generosity has been unbelievable in so many ways. We feel truly lucky to work with families as tremendous as you!

We are nearing the **deadline** we made at the beginning of the year for all our kindergartners to **know all uppercase and lowercase letters**, as well as the **sounds** each letter makes by **Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>**. Continue practicing with the alphafriends at home to help your child gain confidence in their ability.

During the break, we would like to encourage you to have your children practice writing and reading as much as possible. The word wall words that will be introduced up to winter break will be:

mom, dad, a, I, see, saw, the, love, like, dog, cat, yes, no, because,  
we, me, my, at, to, play, can, and the -at family words, such as hat,  
vat, bat, cat, sat, rat, etc.

The children are not only expected to read all these words, but are expected to be able to write them during writing time. Any help you can give your child with these words would increase their confidence in reading and writing!

Math practice on number writing from **zero to twenty** would be very beneficial to your child, as well as number identification of those same numbers. These numbers will be the main focus for assessment during the second quarter report card period. The numbers eleven to twenty are the trickiest numbers to write for kindergartners, so talk with your child about one ten and \_\_\_\_\_ones, so they remember to write the one first in the number. An example would be the number thirteen. We have been practicing in the classroom to say, "one ten and 3 ones" to identify the place values of the numbers.

On Thursday, December 18, we invite the children to bring their robes and slippers to school as we celebrate Polar Express Day. We will be reading and watching the much loved story of the season.

Happy Holidays! Enjoy the Thanksgiving break with your children!

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