

# January News Letter 2010

Happy New Year!!! We are excited and looking forward to a full filled year with exciting lessons and activities. Here is a peek at the month:

## Math-

- Months of the Year
- Writing Numbers 0-15
- Counting forward to 100
- Counting Backwards 20-0
- Counting with a calculator
- Identify coins

## Reading-

\* Sight words "the & have"

\* Word families- ig/-ip/ug

\* Short vowels: short i/short u

\* Continued writing workshop!!!

## Phonics-

- Lessons to consolidate letter knowledge
- Learn to hear sounds in the middle of the word
- Generating rhyming words
- Making a new word by changing the first letter
- More high frequency words

## Books of the Month-

- Time to Sleep
- Snowballs
- The Hat
- The Jacket I Wear in the Snow
- \* Animals in Winter
- \* The Mitten
- \* Snow on Snow on Snow

There is a lot for children to think about, talk about, learn about, and write about (morning message) during opening "circle time". As the year progresses, the amount of learning expected of the students grow as their knowledge of the world and words grows. We are so excited to continue on.....

We have been labeling pictures with the sounds we hear. The "mini" lessons will give children an opportunity to use their knowledge of letters ( this is why letter recognition is so important), sounds and words. It is a wonderful to see young children writing what they want to say, slowly saying the words and listening for letters they now know. Most classes are multi-leveled, whereby some children continue to "Drite" (draw and label beginning sounds), while others are ready for a sentence to make a story. We encourage both all children with positive reinforcement and praise. By the end of the year in never ceases to amaze us with the progress that has been made. Please continue to work with your children at home. Please use this material as a guideline to see what we are working on (it's work first then play second).

Here are some suggestions on how to help at home with writing:

- Say the word slowly, stretching it out.
- Listen to themselves saying sounds
- Think about what they have learned about letters and sounds
- Write the letters for the sounds they learned
- We call this "phonics spelling" or "inventive spelling".

We want to thank parents for all their support given. We thank your continued efforts at home to reinforce and strengthen your child's school experiences!!!

Ps. thank you for all the holiday wishes and presents!!!!

Thank You,

Just Like Home

Dates:

January 18, 2010 MLK Day school Closed