

# Mrs. Simpson's Kindergarten News

January 8, 2018



I hope everyone had a very nice Christmas and New Year. Welcome back in 2018! We will begin our unit on winter and snow. I cannot believe this year is almost half way through. We have so much more to learn, so we will be very busy. The EASY CBM test will be given again sometime over the next two weeks. These will help us see where each child is to help us better meet each child's needs. Keep working with your child at home. This Friday is Christmas show and tell. Your child may bring in one gift to share with the class. Please make sure it fits in your child's back pack.

Coming Up...

**January 11:** Donuts for dad @ 7:15!

**January 12:** Report cards and Christmas Show and Tell

**January 15:** No School!



**Don't Forget!** Thanks to those who already have sent in snacks! Please send in snack for January! We have 18 students!



Please have your child wear tennis shoes on the days we have PE! (M,W,F) These days will change each 9 weeks.



## Homework

### *Practice sight words everyday!*

Sight words are words that are learned by looking at them and not sounding them out. A good idea is to make flash cards with these words on them and review them nightly with your child. Knowing these words will help them become better readers.

**The sight words are in your child's folder. Remember to start with list 1. Once your child has mastered list one he/she can move on to the next list. I will put a smiley face at the bottom of the list when he/she are able to move on. Same with letters. Thanks!**

## Helpful Hints for Home:

Work on handwriting. Work on writing sentences with a capital at the beginning and a period at the end. Also make sure there are spaces in between words. Practice counting to 20. Count pieces of cereal or some other objects and write the number to match the amount. Practice writing names and numbers 0-20. We are counting to 100 in class! Work on counting to 50 first, then go to 100! We are blending sounds to read word. Have your child write and read simple words.

## Reading/Language Arts:

We are working on letters and sounds, sight words, syllables, and rhyming. We are building words and blending the sounds to read words. In writing we are working on drawing pictures with a lot of detail. We are labeling our pictures and stretching out the words. We have began writing across the pages and creating books. In shared reading time we are working on story elements(characters, setting, problem, solution). We are working on beginning, middle, and end. We are also identifying the parts of the book (front cover, back cover, title page) and author and illustrator.

## Math:

### New Math Vocabulary:

**Numeral:** a number

**multiple representation:** learning all the ways to represent (show) a number

**shapes:** circle, square, triangle, hexagon, rectangle

**3-d shapes:** solid

**2-d shapes:** flat

**Solid shapes:** sphere, cube, cone, cylinder, rectangular prism

**sides:** the straight lines that that make the shape (ex. A square has four sides.)

**vertices:** the points or angles where the sides meet. (ex. A square has four vertices.)

**compose:** create different combinations of a number (2 and 3 is 5; 1 and 4 is 5)

**decompose:** break apart in different ways (5 is 2 and 3; or 5 is 1 and 4)

We are working on numbers 0-20. We are counting objects, writing numbers, and putting the numbers or number of objects in order. We are learning about numerals that are odd or even. We have began composing/decomposing numbers 1-5. We are also working on identifying 3-d solid shapes and knowing the difference between 2-d flat and 3-d solid shapes.



Winter months are here. Be sure to sign up for texting system and/or tune into your local weather station to get the latest school closings. Also make sure your child's name is on coats, mittens, hats, etc.. This is the time of the year when these get lost.