



Weekly News from Mrs. Mikalsen's Class January 10, 2025



~We completed A LOT of testing this week. Students completed three sections of the NWEA MAP test. Additionally, students were given individual assessments by me to determine their current reading levels.

~We looked for the Word of the Week: **and** in our books and poems

~We still had some time for Literacy Centers where we:

- practiced writing CVC words
- practiced reading and writing the word "and"
- ordered the letters in the alphabet
- listened to stories of our choosing and shopped for books for our book bins

~We enjoyed finishing our latest books about our favorite color. We are working on stretching our words and our thoughts, using multiple sentences, and applying mechanics such as spelling high frequency words correctly, using appropriate spacing and ending punctuation.

~In Foundations we began our second unit. We are tapping out consonant-vowel-consonant (or CVC) words and we are learning how to properly write our uppercase letters. We are practicing ABC order and we've been creating rhyming words.

~We are really working to hone our Phonemic Awareness skills. We've been: producing rhyming words, blending and segmenting words, identifying initial and medial sounds, and changing parts of words to create new words.

Books:

- ~Bad Kitty Does Not Like Snow
- ~When the Snow Is Deeper Than My Boots Are Tall
- ~Snow Dance
- ~There Was a Cold Lady Who Swallowed Some Snow
- ~In the Arctic

Poems/Songs:

"Snow Is Falling"



Upcoming Events and Reminders

Monday, January 20th

No School ~ Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Thursday, January 23rd

Library Books due

January 27th – 31st

The Great Kindness Challenge

Tuesday, January 28th

Early Dismissal ~ Staff Development



The Harlem Wizards Are Coming



We got to go to a assembly and meet one of the Harlem Wizards – Dragon. The Wizards will be playing a special game on Feb 7, 2025 @ 6:30 PM, J.P. Case Middle School Scan for tickets & info:



Math:

We have been working on a lot of new things. This week we:

- made a human number line
- practiced writing numbers 1-20.
- used greater than and less than clues to find a number between 0 and 10 and then 0 and twenty.
- created number trees to match the new markers on our calendar
- organized numbers on a number line

Resource for Math Extension Activities:

<https://mathathome.mathlearningcenter.org/grade/k>



Social Studies/Science:

We are continuing on in our new Social Studies unit entitled "My Team and Self." This week we:

- we read the book I Am Enough and emphasized that by being kind, positive, and accepting of ourselves and others, we can make our classroom team more united and powerful.
- learned about Dr. Temple Grandin and her unique gifts and talents. Dr. Grandin is autistic and became a prominent animal behaviorist.
- we read the book I'm Gonna Like Me: Letting Off a Little Self Esteem and shared about our own personal strengths.
- Teamed up with a partner and interviewed them about their personal strengths and then created a special poster for them.



HS Play Assembly

We were very excited to go and see a wonderful play that was put on by students from HCRHS. There were themes of humor, teamwork, kindness and friendship. I think we have some aspiring thespians now.



Please Remember

*Winter weather is now here. Going outside for recess is an important part of our day. It gives us needed physical exercise as well an opportunity to practice social skills. **Please make sure that your child has appropriate outerwear so they can be warm and comfortable. Besides a heavy coat, they should have a hat and mittens or gloves.**

