



Weekly News from Mrs. Mikalsen's Class January 17, 2025



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

~In Literacy Centers we:

- read an emergent reader featuring the word "like" and other high frequency words we've learned
- practiced reading CVC words
- practiced writing CVC words
- practiced reading and writing the word "you"
- read lots of books in our small groups
- listened to the book Sneezy the Snowman and wrote about and drew a picture of our favorite part.

~In Writing Workshop we:

- began keeping weekly journals in which we will be writing about things we did over the weekend.
- began a new opinion book about things we like about Kindergarten. We did mini-lessons on the mechanics of writing too so that we can use proper spacing and letter formations to make it easier for our readers.
- created an adorable yeti and wrote a sentence about it

~In Foundations 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.

Books:

~The Thing About Yetis

~~Ten Big Elephants

~Martin's Big Words

~Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

~Snow Day

~Snowmen at Night

~Lots of other "Winter Favorites"

Poems/Songs:

"Snow"



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**



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:

- practiced doubling numbers within 10
- learned how to play three new work place games:
 - Foxes and Dens in which you roll two die (one dot and one numbered, and add them together)
 - Spill 10 Beans which helps as recognizing and writing numbers to ten
 - Beat You to 20 where we compete with a friend and try to be the first to collect 20 cubes
- continued to create number trees to match the new markers on our calendar
- further explored the concept of more and less using a number line and math symbols
- played a group game (which you also did for Homework) called the Forest Game where we had to continually add and subtract.

Resource for Math Extension Activities:

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



Social Studies/Science:

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

- learned a lot about how to work as a team
- made posters about what team work looks like and sounds like.
- learned how to respectfully disagree with someone.

~We learned about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his message of peaceful togetherness. We read and colored booklets about Dr. King. We made special hats. We illustrated some of his very famous words of wisdom. The children had such wonderful discussions about love and respect and have decided that Dr. King was definitely a superhero.



A BIG thank you to the PTO

We enjoyed see a performance of "Jack and the Beanstalk." The actors were wonderful, the children were enthralled, and the "twist" ending gave a great message about being kind, honest and helpful.

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.**



Inspired by Dr. King the children were generating ideas on ways that they could be of "service" to others. They're hatching plans, and hopefully some of you will be lucky recipients.



