



Weekly News from Mrs. Mikalsen's Class January 24, 2020



Language Arts:

~We looked for the Word of the Week: **it** in our books, morning message and poems.

~In Literacy Centers we: listened to the story Snowmen at Night in our Listening Center and then illustrated and wrote about our favorite parts; played games that helped us to tap, read and blend words; created a super cool snowman with puffy paint and lots of odds and ends and then wrote a sentence about it; went "book shopping" and added new books to our personal book bins; read some special leveled books with our classmates.

~We had tons of fun and lots of excitement when we turned our Writers Workshop into Writers Playshop. We had the chance to use a whole bunch of different materials to create something, and then we told and recorded a story about it. Now we are working on getting our stories down on paper as well. The kids LOVE writing this way! Their creativity is shining.

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

~Had a "snowball fight" using snowballs that had our sight words written on them. This was a fun way to practice these words.



Books:

- ~One Red Sled
- ~Snowball Soup
- ~Snowball Moon

~Lots of other "Winter Favorites"

Poems/Songs:

"Chubby Snowman"

Upcoming Events and Reminders



January 27-31

The Great Kindness Challenge

(see details on the flyers sent home, in this newsletter, and on Barley Sheaf's website)

Monday, January 27th

Library Books Due

January 28th

Early Dismissal ~ Staff Development

Birthdays

Elishajuan 1/13
Mrs. Colavita 1/17



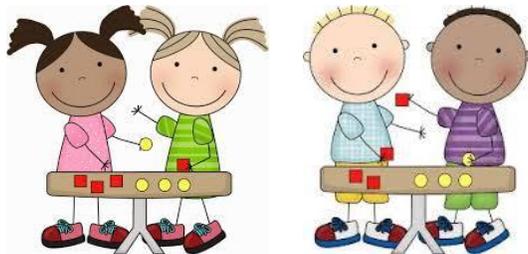
Math:

~We are creating and solving lots of different math stories that involve addition and subtraction, and we are writing equations to go with the stories.

~We are using Fast Fives to help us build numbers

~We are continuing to work with teen numbers and defining them as "ten and some more." We started creating a Teen Number book.

~We are solving math facts.

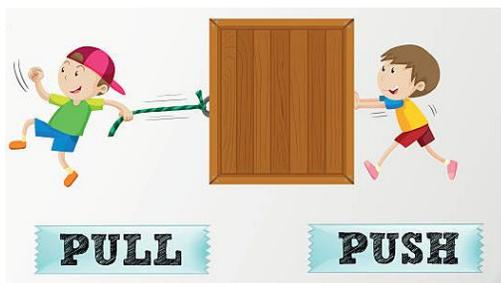


Social Studies/Science:

~We continued to learn about Pushes and Pulls.

~We created a chart of pushes and pulls that we have noticed around us.

~We experimented using pushes of different strengths to toss bean bags.



~Please keep your "Winter Checklist" in a prominent spot at home. Around the end of February/beginning of March I'll put something out to send them back in to school. I always find a cool prize for all who participate and complete the assignment.



Does your child like to sing?

Many of them were excited to hear our Music Teacher, Ms. Hill, talk about an opportunity to join a special choir in our district. The children are encouraged to talk to Ms. Hill if they are interested in joining when we go to Music Class on Monday. If you think your child is interested, talk with them about it over the weekend.



Please Remember to

*Read any books your child brings home. Books are now coming home in "Reading Bags" as well as in "Red Reading Folders."

*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.**



