



Weekly News from Mrs. Mikalsen's Class January 24, 2025



Language Arts:

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

~Literacy Centers –This week we:

- shopped for new books for our book bins and enjoyed reading them
- practiced reading CVC words
- read decodable readers and drew corresponding pictures
- practiced reading and writing the word "it"
- read special books in small groups
- reinforced phonemic awareness skills

~We continued to write in our new weekly writing journals, worked on our opinion books about things we enjoy about being in Kindergarten, and created and wrote about some adorable yetis.

~In Foundations we are continuing tapping out 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.

~Some reading strategies that we were working on this week included looking at the first and last sounds in a word, finding smaller words and chunks inside bigger words and how to share tips with our partners when partner reading

Books:

~The Thing About Yetis

~Yetis Are the Worst

~Dear Yeti

~Ten Big Elephants (continued from last week)

~Lots of other "Winter Favorites"

Poems/Songs:

"Snow"



Upcoming Events and Reminders



January 27th – 31st

The Great Kindness Challenge – see flyer for lots more details

Monday, January 27th

Budget Town Hall Meeting, 6PM at JPCase.

Inform yourself about upcoming district budget issues. You can attend in person or log in to the meeting remotely. See the FRSD website for more details.

Tuesday, January 28th

Early Dismissal ~ Staff Development

Friday, January 31st

Library Books due – We will now be able to get new library books "weekly on Day 2" (although we'll still only see Mr. Slomczewski every other cycle)

Math:

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

- used greater and less than to help find Hap on the number line
- continued to create number trees to match the new markers on our calendar
- we estimated and measured lots of things:
 - pathway lines left by mysterious bunny visitors to our room
 - lengths of various ribbons
 - the length of Mrs. Mikalsen's scarf
- enjoyed playing many games at Work Places

A great resource for Math Extension Activities can be found at: <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:

- got to explore the inner working of a very famous team – the NASA team that worked on the Apollo missions. We learned about and recognized the different and important roles that this massive team had to undertake in order to get us to the moon.
- are working as a team with the other Kindergarten classrooms to make a video about our Barley Sheaf Positive Affirmations.

The Great Kindness Challenge – Kindergarten Events :

Kindergartners will be participating in this week-long event. See separate flyer for more details, but here's a quick overview:

- Monday 1/27 Wear Pajamas
- Tuesday 1/28 Dress in Multiple Colors
- Wednesday 1/29 Wear Something with a SuperHero
- Thursday 1/30 Wear Red or Pink
- Friday 1/31 Wear Comfy Clothes or Sweats



Winter Family Fun

Take your kids on a nature-themed scavenger hunt.



Put together a winter scavenger hunt for your kids, having them check off animals, plants, and other things they'll see along the way. For an added layer, collect items you can later repurpose.

Please Remember to

*Read any books your child brings home in their "Purple Reading Bag." These bags are coming home daily. Reading and rereading lots of books will really help your child become a more skilled and fluent reader.

*Winter weather is now here. **Please make sure that your child has appropriate outerwear so they can be warm and comfortable.**

