



Weekly News from Mrs. Mikalsen's Class January 31, 2025



Language Arts:

~We looked for the Words of the Week: **he & she** in our books and poems

~Literacy Centers –This week we:

- shopped for new books for our book bins and enjoyed reading them
- practiced reading and writing CVC words
- isolated medial vowel sounds
- listened to a sweet story about a very kind hedgehog and drew and wrote about our favorite part.
- practiced reading and writing the word “he” & “she”
- played sight word snowball fight
- read special books in small groups
- reinforced phonemic awareness skills

~We continued to write in our new weekly writing journals, worked on finishing up our opinion books about things we enjoy about being in Kindergarten.

~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.

Books:

~Think of Those in Need

~Finding Kindness

~Groundhog's Runaway Shadow

~The Night Before Groundhog Day

~Coco Steps Out

~Lots of other "Winter & Kindness Favorites"

Poems/Songs:

“Chubby Snowman”

Upcoming Events and Reminders

Monday, February 10th

Library Books Due

Wednesday, February 12th:



See separate flyer that was sent home earlier in the week

Thursday, February 13th:



Friday, February 14th

No School ~ Staff Development Day

Monday, February 17th:

No School ~ President's Day

Happy Birthday

Samantha, 2/15



Math:

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

- measured lots of objects around the classroom using popsicle sticks and unifix cubes
- started working with pennies and nickels. We learned the value of each coin and we also
 - learned how to play a new game, Which Coin Will Win
 - played a class game called Money March where we had to count on from a nickel, or 5, to find the total amount
- 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 finished up our Social Studies unit entitled "My Team and Self." This week we:

- finished making our videos about our Barley Sheaf Positive Affirmations.

~ We began our Science Unit on Pushes and Pulls. This week we:

- discussed forces like pushes, pulls, gravity, magnetism, even wind
- looked for forces at work on our daily lives

On Wednesday, February 12th the Kindergarten classes will be celebrating the 100th Day of School! (If we don't have any snow days between now and then.) We would like your child to bring in a zip-loc bag consisting of 100 items. For example: 100 stickers, 100 shells, 100 trading cards. Be creative!

Please take this opportunity to talk to your child about the number 100. As you count the 100 items together, discuss ways you can group the pieces (by 10's, 5's, 2's) to make counting easier. Additionally, see the flyer that was already sent home, but if your child would like to create a special shirt for the 100th Day, that could be another fun activity.



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.**



