



Weekly News from Mrs. Mikalsen's Class December 6, 2019



Language Arts:

- ~We looked for the Word of the Week: **you** in our books and poems
- ~We read and looked at many fiction and non-fiction books about the first two holidays in our "Celebrations of Light" unit: Hanukkah and Diwali.
- ~In literacy centers we: practiced reading and writing our new word of the week: you, and many of our "old words" too; cut and colored the Rainbow Fish; listened to the story *Pete the Cat Saves Christmas* and wrote about our favorite part; played phonemic awareness games and read books.
- ~We learned about the letters: y, yellow, /y/ and x, fox, /x/ in our Foundations program.
- ~In small group instruction we practiced breaking and blending words in phonemes and reading highly patterned texts.



Books:

- ~Hanukkah
- ~Sammy Spider's First Hannukah
- ~Diwali
- ~Books about Israel and India

Poems/Songs:

- "Candlelight"
- "The Dreidel Song"

Kindergarten

Upcoming Events

Tues., 12/10 – Thurs. 12/12

Scholastic Book Fair
We will visit the Book Fair on Tuesday and create Wish Lists that we will bring home. Students can bring in money on Thursday 12/12 to purchase books if desired. The Book Fair will also be open on Thursday evening 12/12 for family shopping.

Wednesday 12/11:

Library Books due

Friday 12/13:

Flemington Raritan Education Foundation
Holiday Fair and Basket Auction, 5:30PM @ JPC

Friday 12/20

Early Dismissal

December 21st through January 1st

Winter Break



Math:

- ~We played various games from our math center.
- ~We worked on writing, recognizing and creating sets for the numbers 6, 7 and 8,
- ~We explored numbers and set as being = or ≠.
- ~We composed numbers to 10, focusing on the fact that 6-9 are numbers that can be viewed as a group of 5, and then some more.



Social Studies/Science:

- ~We began our Celebration of Light Unit!
- ~We took "flights" on the Barley Sheaf Air "Kinder-Jet" to Israel and India this week. We learned some things about each of these countries, looked at artifacts and learned about the holidays Hanukkah and Diwali and how they are celebrated.

~In Israel we learned about their culture. We also learned about the history of Hanukkah, made menorah and played the dreidel game.

~In India we listened to traditional and modern music. We carefully colored a booklet about Diwali. We also made diyas from model magic. Diyas are small votive-like candles/lamps that are lit for Diwali – but please don't light ours, they're just meant for show.



December Birthdays:

12/3 Molly
12/27 Callie



Please Remember to

~Add the poem "Candlelight" to your child's poetry binder.

~Send you child in with a nutritious snack each day.



*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. If they do not have a proper coat, they will not be allowed to go outside for recess.**

