



Weekly News from Mrs. Mikalsen's Class December 13, 2019



Language Arts:

- ~We looked for the Word of the Week: can in our books and messages.
- ~We read and looked at many non-fiction books about the holidays in our "Celebrations of Light" unit: Las Posadas and Kwanzaa.
- ~We learned about the letters: z, zebra, /z/ and qu, queen, /kw/ in our Foundations program. We have just finished Unit 1 and the children are excited about moving on to Unit 2 and the uppercase letters.
- ~We practiced reading a variety of books in small groups.
- ~We created an "I Can" book about holiday things that we can observe with our senses.
- ~We wrote about reindeer.
- ~We played literacy games on our iPads.



Books:

- ~Kwanzaa
- ~Las Posadas
- ~Books about Mexico and Africa
- ~Reindeer

Poems/Songs:

"Candlelight"

Kindergarten

Upcoming Events and Reminders

Friday 12/13 - FREF Holiday Fun Fair and Basket Auction, 5:30-9 PM at JP Case. 100+ great baskets, and events for the kiddos including: a Holiday Shoppe, free craft making station, and story time with teacher readers. I'll be there the entire evening.

Thursday 12/19 - Our Holidays Around the World Party. The kids will have plenty of good and interesting foods to try. There's no need to send in a snack on this day (but they will still need lunch).

Library Books Due

Friday 12/20 - Early Dismissal & PJ Day

December 21th through January 1st

Winter Break



December Birthdays

Molly 12/3
Callie 12/27



Math:

- ~We continued to work on all of our math routines that really help us to develop our number sense. We counted to 64 (days of school) and wrote equations to represent 64.
- ~We practiced careful counting techniques, and used these to build numbers through 10.
- ~We worked on developing and understanding the concept of subtraction by taking away one from a given set.
- ~We explored triangles and had some wonderful discussions about the similarities and differences of triangles to other shapes.
- ~We practiced writing our numbers.



Social Studies/Science:

- ~We continued our Celebration of Light Unit!
 - ~We took "flights" on Barley Sheaf Air to India and Africa, specifically Kenya, this week. We learned some things about each of these countries, looked at artifacts and learned about the holidays Kwanzaa and Las Posadas and how they are celebrated.
 - ~In Mexico we learned about their culture and listened to some traditional music. We danced the Mexican Hat Dance and created paper poinsettias.
 - ~In Africa we learned about the variety of people, landscapes and animals on the continent. Then we learned about the African American holiday - Kwanzaa. We learned about the 7 principles of Kwanzaa and we created a kinara.
- Next week we will be taking off for Germany and learning about Christmas.



Art:

- ~We made adorable deer that are on our bulletin board/



Please Remember to

*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.**

