



# Weekly News from Mrs. Mikalsen's Class December 20, 2024



## Language Arts:

~We looked for the Word of the Week: **is** in our books, poems and messages

~During literacy centers we:

- practiced reading and writing our trick words
- practiced writing our last 2 Foundations letters "z" and "qu" and identifying words that begin with their sounds.
- read and colored emergent readers about December and also about Santa.
- enjoyed creating Gingerbread Houses and Gingerbread People on Seesaw.

~We continued to work on writing opinion books. This week we began writing about our favorite color. We are really focusing on recording our ideas using words and pictures with the help of various tools like our word wall, alphabet charts and spacing sticks.

~Foundations – We learned our last two letters: z~zebra~/z/ and qu~queen~/kw/. We are matching letters with their sounds, writing letters on our dry erase slates and attending to stories. We also played a skywriting game. We also ROCKED our Unit 1 Assessments.



## Books:

- ~Merry Christmas Squirrels
- ~Santa Bruce
- ~Click, Clack, Ho, Ho, Ho!
- ~Hanukkah Bear
- ~The Bears' Christmas
- ~Pete the Cat Saves Christmas
- ~The Snowman
- ~Snowmen at Christmas

## Poems/Songs:

"Hot Chocolate"

## Upcoming Events

**December 23<sup>rd</sup> through  
January 1<sup>st</sup>**

Winter Break



**Monday 1/6:**

Library Books due

## Birthdays

Thomas 12/17



## Special Project

~We created Christmas trees with our KPALS and decorated them to our own artistic liking. We used them as centerpieces at our holiday party.



### Math:

~We really enjoyed our countdown to Winter Break.  
~learned a new game "Fives Up" where we had to find lots of ways to make 5.  
~predicted missing numbers on our number line.  
~We enjoyed playing a special seasonal workplace – the Dreidel game.



### Social Studies/Science:

We are enjoying our "My Team and Self" unit. Successful teams can do just about anything. But to understand what you can accomplish as a team, you need to understand who makes up the team, how those individuals can work together, and how diversity makes a team more powerful. This week we:

- created self portraits
- each portrait contained additional information about the artist as many of us chose to include some background "clues" about things that are important to us.



We wish that all of you are able to take time to enjoy the Winter Break. We know that many of you are celebrating the upcoming holidays of Christmas and Hanukkah. We hope that you enjoy this special time with your wonderful children and enjoy the magic of the season.

## Holiday Party

We had a wonderful class party. Many thanks to our Room Moms and to everyone who made contributions.



### Please Remember to

Add the poem "Hot Chocolate" to your child's poetry binder



\*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.**



