Kindergarten Weekly

Week of December 5-9, 2016

Language Arts/Reading: Learning new high frequency popcorn word, "do" and reading popcorn word book, Do You? Reading, Harold at the North Pole and introducing the kids to sentence writing. Our writing curriculum is called 6+1 Traits of Writing. We focus on the traits of ideas and conventions. Conventions are teaching the kids that a sentence starts with an uppercase/capital letter and that we leave spaces between words and a period at the end.

How to help: Hope you and your child are enjoying doing some of the activities that are in the "Popcorn Word Fun" packet. After this week your child will have learned 12 out of the 40 popcorn words. In order to make sure kids are keeping up with what we are learning we will be doing another popcorn word assessment the week of December 12th. We will send that sheet home before Winter break so you know how your child is doing and if there are any words he/she needs to work on.

Math: New unit, "Comparing and ordering numbers". Using words more, fewer and same as.

How to help: A fun number game is to write #0-5 (or however high you want to go) on post-it notes and hide them around the house and ask your child to go find the different numbers. Then have your child put them in order from smallest to biggest and you can do reverse order as well.

Social Studies: December holidays. This week we will be learning about Hanukkah. The colors, foods and symbols of the holiday.

How to help: If you celebrate Hanukkah please ask your child to share your family traditions with the class with the class.

Other: Please look for a note in your child's folder that gives all the information you need to know for the upcoming kindergarten winter program on Thursday, December 15th. We will begin assessing children on the report card items of birthday, phone number and address. Please practice these items with your child.

Birthday– week of December 12th (month and day is fine…don't need to know year)
Phone number-week of January 3rd (if you have taught them your cell instead of your home number please let me know ASAP)
Address-week of January 9th, house #s, street name, town and state (not zip code)…
ex. 301 E. Washington, Itasca, Il.

*If your address or phone # has changed since the beginning of the school year please send an email or note.