

K-Prep December in Review And What is Coming Up...

All the kids did a wonderful job at our **Winter Program** and I hope you enjoyed the show! If you have any comments or suggestions please let me know. We are always looking to improve the event. The children have also enjoyed all the wrapping paper, paper towel rolls, and other things you've sent in for our arts and crafts table - Thank You!

Starting in January we will be working more on **letter recognition and sound**. If your child already recognizes and names all the letters now is a great time for you to encourage him/her to write words by themselves. Ask them to listen for what sound they hear and see if they can figure out what letter makes that sound. At this age knowing the first sound/letter in a word is GREAT and knowing the first and last is WONDERFUL. While kids are writing at school Mrs. Aehlert and I are going to start encouraging them to try it by themselves.

After Winter Break I will have the student brainstorm about what they would like to learn about. I will narrow their choices down to two topics and the children will vote about what they'd like to learn about. This is always an interesting discussion and our themes have varied throughout the years based on each class' interest.

If you have been thinking about having your son or daughter in a **preschool program for another year** before starting Kindergarten - and you'd like them to be in K-Prep again - you will need to register on Jan. 18th. This date falls before our conference times - so we will not be able to discuss it until after registration. The past few years the K-Prep program was "filled up" by the end of the day on registration day.

A note about the **cold weather**: Just a reminder that the children will line up outside if the temperature is above 20 degrees. If you choose to send your child to school in boots please send another pair of shoes for them to change into. Wearing boots all day makes their feet hot and our carpets wet! The only possible days we can go outside to play are Mondays and Wednesdays. The temperature needs to be above 20 degrees (and not too windy). If you child does not have snow pants on a day we decide to go outside he or she will be able to play on the blacktop. I suggest sending the winter gear in a separate bag that your child can carry into school. In the past I've sent out an email the day before I plan to take the children out and then relied on "word of mouth" for those of you who aren't on the email list to hear the news. I will be doing this again, but it wouldn't hurt to send your child with snow pants on Wednesdays.

Report Cards will be sent home on January 20th. I will be holding **conferences** the following week on Monday and Wednesday. Children will still have class on those days.

Tuesday, January 10th is the K-Prep Round-Up. If you have any friends with children who will be preschool age for the 2012-2013 school year please share this information with them!

2012-13 K-Prep Registration Information

Registration for the 2012-12 District #10 Kindergarten Preparation Program will take place for District #10 residents on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. at the following location:

**Benson Primary School
301 East Washington Street
Itasca, Illinois 60143
630-773-0554**

Children must reach the age of 4 on or before September 1, 2012 to be eligible for this preschool program. Registration is completed on a first come, first served basis. Classes are limited to a minimum of 17 and a maximum of 18 students in the Monday, Wednesday, Friday A.M. session. A minimum of 10 students and a maximum of 11 students will be accepted for the Monday, Wednesday, Friday P.M. session. All K-Prep programs are housed within Benson Primary School.

Two K-Prep options will be offered for the 2012-13 school year and are as follows:

- Option 1** Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:05 am-11:45 am
Option 2 Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:32-3:20 pm

Please bring the following with you on January 17, 2012:

- Driver's license or other proof of District #10 residency
- \$50.00 deposit (cash or check is acceptable, checks should be written out to Itasca School District #10)

Registration packets must be completed and returned to Benson Primary School by no later than May 14, 2012, as registration for the 2012-13 as the K-Prep Program closes by the end of that school day.

The tuition rate for option 1 is \$1700.00. The tuition rate for option 2 is \$1800.00. All tuition includes a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit. Tuition should be paid in full at registration or must be received as follows:

- \$50.00 at registration (non-refundable)
- Balance paid in full within 30 days of registration

K-Prep registration for residents outside of District #10 will open on
March 30, 2012