



January



From the classroom of: Mrs. Benjamin, Ms. Sturdivant & Ms. Jefferson

During January We Will . . .

- * Introduce ideas and stories through pictures and dictation from the students.
- * Understand the purpose for writing.
- * Speak clear enough to be understood without contextual clues.
- * Use expanded vocabulary and language for a variety of purposes.
- * Respond to new stories read aloud.
- * Duplicate and recognize different shapes and their attributes.
- * Show understanding of different numbers and quantity.
- * Identify words with the same beginning sounds.

Helpful Hints and Friendly Tips

- * Welcome back and Happy New Year. We hope that you enjoyed your winter break. Thanks to all of our wonderful parents for your gifts, cards, and well wishes for the winter break. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.
- * Please _____ continue to reinforce the classroom rules and routines along with reinforcing friendly and unfriendly skills.
- * Please continue to dress your child according to the weather. Uniforms are required daily.
- * Please continue to reinforce basic skills at home such as identifying upper and lowercase letters, identifying letters in your child's name, writing their name along with identifying rhyming words and shapes. These skills are very important as we continuing to prepare and transition our students into kindergarten.

Classroom Needs & Reminders

- * We will be in contact with you if you haven't met your goal. Please remember that in order for you to help us _____ reach our _____ parent participation goal you will need to make at least 4 school visits for the school year.
- * Summary Reports will come home soon if you have any questions please let us know.
- * Our classroom is in need of **CLOROX WIPES, ZIP LOCK BAGS (all sizes), LYSOL SPRAY, and HAND SOAP**. If you are able to send any of these items we really do appreciate it. Thank you for _____ your participation and support _____ throughout _____ the school year.

Upcoming Events

- **EARLY RELEASE** January 13, 2017
- **NO SCHOOL MLK Holiday** January 16, 2017
- **Teacher Workday NO SCHOOL** January 24, 2017