

December, 2010



# December News

As the first trimester comes to an end, the kindergarten teachers would like to thank you for your support and help in making this a fantastic start of the year. We are very proud of our students and are looking forward to coming back to school in January for the second trimester.

In just three short months the kindergartners have come so far. Already we have seen such progress in their math and reading abilities and we want to keep the momentum going. Please use this newsletter as a guide as to what your child should know at this point in the year. Over the trimester break, please practice these skills with your child, a review packet will be going home next week.

We wish you a happy and safe holiday!

Mrs. Haven  
Mrs. Raybeck  
Mrs. Turner



*Success in school is best achieved when the parents and teachers are united in the learning process.*

## Parent Teacher Conferences

### Did you know...

Although kindergarten students do not receive report cards for the first trimester, we meet with each parent to let you know how your child is doing.



If you have not yet scheduled a parent teacher conference please do so as soon as possible. Conferences are extremely important throughout the year. However, the first trimester is an especially important time to meet. Please call your child's teacher to set up a time.



### Dates to keep in mind:

- December 8th– Last day of trimester
- January 3rd– Classes resume
- December 7th-10th Parent teacher Conferences

## ***This trimester we have learned...***

### **Communication:**

- ◆ Letters and Sounds:  
*a, c, d, f, g, m, n, p, r, s, t*
- ◆ Sight words:  
*I, a, my, the, we, go, like, be, play, down, and*
- ◆ Environmental words:  
*Color words, days of the week, months of the year*
- ◆ Rhyming : (*cat, mat, rat, etc.*)
- ◆ Recognizing the first sound in words (**d**og, **s**to**r**e, **a**pple)
- ◆ Blending: students should be able to read words with the short vowel /a/ in the middle (**c**at, **m**an, **r**am, **n**ap, **d**ad)

### **Math:**

- ◆ Count and recognize numbers 1-20
- ◆ Count up to 10 objects
- ◆ Count backwards from 10
- ◆ Skip counting by 10's
- ◆ Patterns with 2 colors
- ◆ Recognize shapes
- ◆ Sort objects by color and size
- ◆ Use calendar terms such as today, tomorrow, yesterday, week, month.

### **Life Skills:**

- ◆ Writing first and last name
- ◆ Shoe tying
- ◆ Address
- ◆ Phone number
- ◆ Dressing themselves: zip-ping coats, putting on hats, gloves, boots



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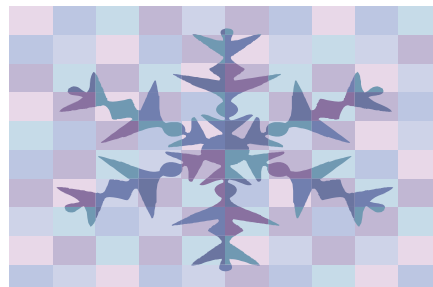
## ***When we come back to school in January...***

### **Communication:**

- ◆ New letters: **I, L, H**
- ◆ New sight words: you, have
- ◆ We will continue to practice blending sounds together. In January we will focus on words with the **-ip** (s-i-p) and **-ig** (p-i-g) endings.

### **Math:**

- ◆ addition, subtraction
- ◆ exploring with calculators
- ◆ Continued practice with number recognition



### **Science:**

#### **Winter exploration:**

- ◆ temperature
- ◆ weather terms
- ◆ appropriate clothing
- ◆ hibernation.