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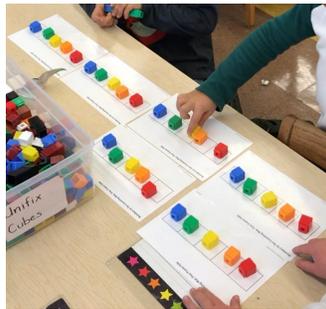
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# Kindergarten Newsletter

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## February is a busy & fun month in Kindergarten!

### Phonics/Word Study

In Foundations the children will practice tapping, blending and decoding CVC words (consonant-vowel-consonant). We will continue to identify letters and corresponding sounds. Students will learn the correct formation for uppercase letters. We will also focus on words that rhyme.

### Reading Focus

In reading, we will focus on fiction and non-fiction texts in our "Just Right" reading unit. In this unit, children will start using letter sound relationships at the beginning and ending of words, as well as, attend to meaning and syntax. This unit places an emphasis on helping readers learn to engage with their texts and respond thoughtfully to them. Students will

work in partnerships to not only read the texts to one another but also have rich conversations together.

As your child is reading, ask the following questions:

**How do you think the character is feeling and why do you think he/she is feeling this way? Has anything like this ever happened to you?**

## Writing Focus

In writing for the month of February, we are working in our "How to" unit. Students are writing procedural texts to teach others. They will continue to follow the writing process (plan, sketch, label, write). Topics may vary from "How to Make an Ice Cream Sundae" to "How to Make Your Bed". Children will be encouraged to write with clarity by including sequential steps and details so that others can follow the directions. You can help your child by naming each step as you do things around your home.

## Math

This month in math, students will build a number line from 0-10, continue to practice counting 0-50 starting with any number in that range, solve addition and subtraction problems using fingers, drawings and manipulatives, Students will also begin to consider the relationships between numbers and quantities by making comparisons (greater than, less than, equal to). We will also continue to count by 2's and review doubles facts. You can support this work by playing comparison games with your child. Please also continue to practice composing and decomposing within 5 and 10.

## Science

We will be starting an exciting new science unit called "Pushes and Pulls". In this unit, children use trial and error to learn about the effect of pushing and pulling with the goal of advancing their understanding so that they can begin to anticipate and explain how pushes and pulls impact the motion of a ball. This work will help children develop an understanding of forces and motion. Students will investigate this concept by designing, creating and improving a pinball machine.

## Lunch & Recess - from Olivia, Eileen & Trish

We are thoroughly enjoying getting to know your children each day in the cafeteria and at recess. Special thanks to our many volunteers -- we so appreciate your assistance. The Wellness Committee, led by PE Teacher Aly Carlotti recently established the "Share Table" in the cafeteria and children are now able to contribute unused and sealed items from the cafeteria to the very popular "Share Table." Children are then able to grab items such as

hummus and pretzels or bags of sliced apples. Your children are doing a fabulous job cleaning up and have become expert recyclers! Recycling may be a job that your child can further support at home. Early February brought spring-like weather including rain causing us to remain indoors for recess. Although outdoor play is always our first choice the newly purchased indoor games, including puzzles, pattern blocks, letter/shape stampers, lacing activities, logic games and more have been great fun, and of course, the ever popular dance station!

### **\*Important Dates to Remember\***

Monday, February 17 - Friday, February 21 - Mid-Winter Recess (No School)

Tuesday, February 25 - Kindergarten Family Administration Meeting, Library, 5pm

Thursday, February 27 - Kindergarten Studio in a School Art Show, Auditorium, 8:30am

### **Next Month**

Thursday, March 5 - Half-day of School for Parent-Teacher conferences

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Contact us! Any questions? Please email your child's teacher.