



December News

Mrs. Bourgeault's Class



LITERACY NEWS

We have been focusing on reading/writing short i words as we finish Unit 2 in our Scott Foresman reading series. It is now very important to practice blending when reading. Any additional practice beyond the Book Buddy Bags would help your child. I suggest you get some easy reader books as they can practice reading all short vowel words. We have learned all the consonant and short vowel sounds in our Tehlian Lively Letter curriculum, but, they need to practice reading. That is what will make them solid readers. And I cannot give them enough one on one practice. I wish I could!

In grammar, we are learning about adjectives and verbs. Comprehension skills will include sequence, realism and fantasy, compare/contrast, and plot. Our new high frequency words will be: my, for, like, me, see, they. The children need to know these without sounding out.

We are now writing sentences of our own. Expectations are first letter capitalized, period at the end, spaces between words, all high frequency words spelled correctly, and writing the sounds that we hear in words we don't know. This is where being able to break down words into sounds is so important. We do it every day! You can do this at home by saying a 3 or 4 letter word and have your child tell you each individual sound. Ex. "sit" - /s/ /i/ /t/. Then go on to four letter words. Ex. "step" - /s/ /t/ /e/ /p/. This is the opposite of blending and necessary for writing. We also work very hard to write sentences that make sense. This is best accomplished by rereading the sentence often during writing. These are skills we will practice, practice, practice. And, you can at home too!

DECEMBER EVENTS

The children will not exchange gifts, but they may exchange cards if you choose. They will open them on the 23rd. A list of names is attached.

There are many holiday events. Watch for information coming home.



MATH NEWS

We are working on numbers 6-10. Please practice writing the numbers at home. Be sure they are going in the right direction! Our next unit will be

Enjoy your holidays!
My best to you and your family.