



January News Letter

Dear Parents,

We are almost half way through the school year and I wanted to let you know what we are up to in class.

Reading: We just wrapped up unit 3 of our 6 unit series. Your child should be reading fluently and have a good understanding of the story. They should be able to read books to you so they sound like they are talking. When you read each night with your child ask him/her some comprehension questions about the story they are reading.

Writing: We are becoming great writers. Your child should be writing four to five sentence paragraphs. They are expected to begin each sentence with a capital letter and end it with proper punctuation. (. ? !) I am encouraging them to use a variety of words to make their sentences more interesting. I keep telling them that I want to see at least 6 words in their sentence. Additionally, in their spelling sentences I am only letting them begin **one** sentence with "I". For example: using this week's spelling words **pink, trunk**. "I gave a pink heart to grandma." versus "I like pink." or "We had a trunk full of toys." instead of "We had a trunk."

Math: We are working on addition and subtraction facts to 12. We are learning various strategies to help us master these facts. Such as, counting on from the larger number, using a number line and touch math counting--
The goal for end of 1st grade is for your child to have mastered all the addition and subtraction facts to 12. We will be beginning a "Mad Minute" math fact paper. They are given ONE minute to complete as many facts on the paper as they can. We will be starting with the 1's facts. Please help your child practice their math facts each night. This is a skill they will use for their lifetime!

Science: We are learning about penguins. This is lots of fun! We will be writing, illustrating, and presenting our penguin knowledge throughout the month.

****Classroom Supplies** – We are running low on tissues, napkins, paper plates and paper cups. Also, if anyone would like to donate glitter, crayons, or colored markers, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs. Kennedy

