



Our Kindergarten Classroom News

The Week of December 4th, 2016

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Upcoming Events

- On **Thursday, December 15th at 1:45pm** we will have the Winter in Westsideland Assembly. The Kindergarteners will be performing a dance to "The Waltz of the Snowflakes" from "The Nutcracker Suite".
- Winter break will be **Monday, December 19th through Friday, January 6th**. Please let me know if you would like ideas of educational activities to do with your child during the break.



Reminders

- Please remember that our weekly required homework is now 20 minutes of Lexia and 20 minutes of Zearn per week.
- Our class is now signed up with Scholastic Reading Club! Orders can be placed through our class's reading club each month and will be sent directly to our classroom to be sent home with your child.
- Reading logs are due the first day of each month. The December reading log was just sent home last week and should be turned in on January 9th, when we return from break. This is not graded, however regularly reading with your child has been shown to improve academic performance. Students also receive a special prize and certificate for completing and turning in their reading log.
- Please let me know if you are interested in helping out in our classroom. Volunteers are always welcome, just let me know ahead of time.

Our Learning

It was great meeting so many of you at conferences before the break! It's not too long until our next break, but we still have a lot of learning to do! In Math, we just started a new module on comparing different attributes. In Social Studies, we are continuing to study maps. In Science we will be beginning a unit on plants. In Language Arts, we are continuing to work with word families, letter formation, and parts of speech – specifically verbs. As part of Global Awareness, we are continuing to talk about respecting living things and have also begun learning about holidays around the world.

At-Home Practice

- Talking about the differences between plants and animals.
- Comparing attributes of everyday objects such as length, width, weight, etc.
- Playing games with verbs like Simon Says and Charades.
- Practicing handwriting.
- Looking at maps with your child, including GPS systems and talking about how they are used.

