



January Kindergarten Newsletter

*Winter is here. If you send your child to school with snow boots, please also send in a pair of sneakers in a plastic bag. Please **label** their clothing and their lunch bags! If your child still doesn't know already, please practice tying their shoes and zipping their coat.*

Reminders

Check Homework Folders every night. All notices must be sent back to school in a timely manner. All money must be placed in a sealed and labeled envelope with your child's name, class, and what the money is for.

****Please send healthy snacks for your child to school in a small labeled ziplock bag daily.****

- **The PTA will be hosting a pot luck dinner at the meeting on January 17th.**
- **School will be closed Monday January 21th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.**
- **Kindergarten is going to go on their first school trip to Pizzeria Uno on January 16th and other classes on January 23rd.**

Reading Workshop

In Reading Workshop, our upcoming focus will be using our knowledge from the previous unit on Super Powers. We will expand our growth with this by using those same super power reading strategies while also incorporating new ones that challenge us. Students will use pattern power, letter and sound power and finally combining all of this together in order to read more fluently and think more deeply about books.

Writing Workshop

In Writing Workshop, we will be writing informational How-To books where we will be focusing on one topic we know a lot about. Students will teach us how to do something through writing how-to books. We will be using nonfiction text features in our writing to give the reader different kinds of information on our topic.

Math

In Math, we will be adding and subtracting. We will use our knowledge of these skills in our math centers done every day. We will show how to add and subtract with numbers, pictures, symbols and words.

Social Studies

In Social Studies, we are continuing to learn the symbols of citizenship, about community helpers, responsibilities at home and at school, and understanding the holidays of our nation. We will share traditions from our own culture as well.

Phonics

In Phonics, we will use all the letter sounds we have learned to take risks and spell more words as well as harder words. Students will work on hearing more sounds when stretching out words. As a class, we will be studying more words and noticing their parts.

Science

In Science, students are working on the topic involving, Push and Pull. They are working collaboratively to design a pinball machine with their tables. Lastly, students are learning what makes object move.