

December



Ms. Hurley's Kindergarten Newsletter

Important Dates

12/21 - 1/2 - NO
SCHOOL -
Winter Break

1/2 - PBIS
Assembly WEAR
RED

BIRTHdays

Rodney - 12/2

Claire - 12/9

Anna - 12/12

Miller - 12/20

Finley 12/27

Classroom News

We had a fun week! Just 5 more school days until winter break! We are working hard to earn red tokens. We are hoping to earn our movie party before break.

Thank you for all of your donations for free choice and STEM activities! As you find old craft supplies or collect recyclables please feel free to send them in at any time. I added cotton balls, paper plates, tissue paper, foam sticky shapes, and some new paper to use for creations. It's so much fun to watch the children make things and hear them talk about what they're making. The creativity is amazing!

Literacy Tips: Keep a journal at home! Your child can write a sentence about something each day. Remember to let your child stretch out sounds and spell words the best they can. Conventional spelling is not important yet but getting the children to love writing and take chances is!

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Classroom Wish List

We are running low on the following items:

- masking tape or tape of any kind
- Play Dough
- Paper towel or toilet paper tubes
- Any craft supplies or recyclables to be used for STEM challenges and for projects during free choice time



- crayons
- scented markers
- gel pens
- stationary or old cards

Thank you SO MUCH for all of the watercolor paint donations! We should be set for the year!

Here's What We Learned

Literacy: Our new words this week were **come** and **blue**. We identified beginning sounds in words, practiced sight word songs, identified ending sounds, and listened for rhyming words.

Handwriting: We worked on the lowercase letters v, w, t, g, a, and d. I am sending home a practice sheet. Please work on the "magic c" letters (a, c, o, g, and d). They all start with a lowercase c.

Writer's Workshop: We worked on leaving spaces between words and learned how to use a new tool: **spacemen!** They help us remember to leave spaces between our words to make our writing easier to read.

Math: We played a teen number game, graphed our favorite colors, used the pan balance, and worked on using a number line. I am sending home a number line for your child to use when adding and subtracting at home.

STEM: Today's challenge was to construct the tallest Christmas tree using only plastic cups.