

January

Ms. Hurley's Kindergarten Newsletter



Important Dates

1/20
NO SCHOOL

1/22 - Book
Orders Due

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Classroom News

This week has been spent reviewing rules at school. I will contact parents as needed, but please talk to your child about the following:

When you get something out you need to put it away. The classroom has been a disaster.

Hands are to be kept to yourself. There has been a lot of pushing, hitting, and kicking. We use words to talk about problems.

I expect honesty. If you make a mistake you need to own up to it. There has been a lot of lying lately. When you lie you get yourself in a lot more trouble than telling the truth about making a mistake.

Friends do not tattle to try to get one another in trouble. It's your job to take care of yourself and try to work things out before telling a teacher.

Thank you for your help as the children transition back from vacation and into the routine and learning model!

Literacy Tip: Keep reading nightly with your child! I started assessing this week and wow! I am thrilled to see what great readers the children are becoming. Extra practice makes a huge difference!

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Reminders

I have given the children assigned table spots. We talked about how important it is to pick spots where we can focus and do our best. This was not happening for many children even with reminders. I explained that we will try again once I see an improvement. I don't anticipate this happening for a while. We are working on using our time to practice reading and writing rather than goofing around.. We have lots of time to talk and play but at work time we need to all focus. If we want to get better we have to practice!

Report Cards

Next Friday you will see you child's first report card! Please keep in mind that all of the goals are for the end of the year. You may see some scores that seem low, but remember we have half of the year left. I do not expect a child to have all threes and fours at this point.

Here's What We Learned

Literacy: Our new sight words were **help** and **here**. We talked about characters, and compared and contrasted stories. We read more wonderful Jan Brett books. We read some books and talked about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and why we celebrate him. We will continue to talk about kindness and equality next week. We thought of rhyming words, blended sounds into words, identified individual sounds in words, and changed the beginning letter in a word to make new words.

Handwriting: We have been working on writing words and sentences using the lowercase letters we've learned how to write correctly. We learned how to correctly write letters y, j, k, l, and e. We worked on writing the letters on white boards before practicing in our workbooks.

Math: We worked on identifying two-digit numbers, we counted by fives and tens, made patterns, and put events in order.

Science: We learned about why penguins have wings but can't fly. We discovered where the coldest place on earth is and why. We problem solved how to get from one place to another with bare feet. Here is the student link if you'd like to learn more.

Project: Today we read books about snow and had fun making pictures with construction paper and adding snow with white paint. What a great way to practice following directions and listening!

Hot Pavement

