

# January

## Ms. Hurley's Kindergarten Newsletter



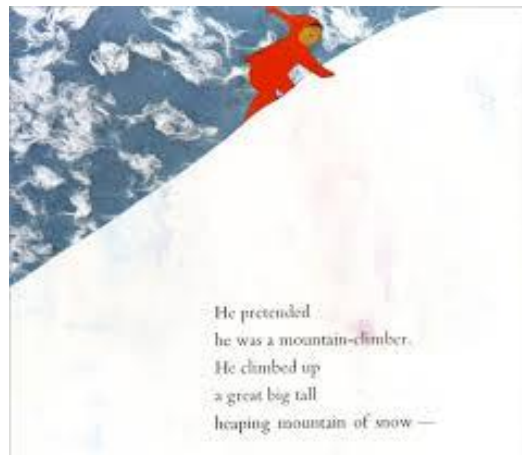
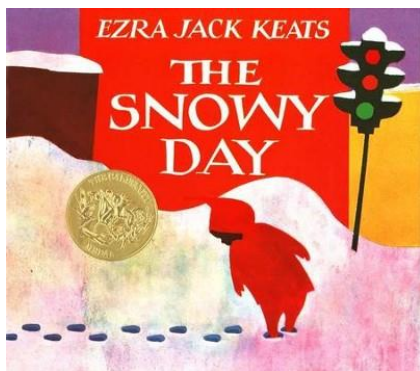
### Important Dates

Today  
Report Cards  
Sent Home

February 10  
Early Release  
At 12:30

### Classroom News

Winter has arrived! Today we had fun reading The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats. We wrote about what the two friends could do in the snow and made a really neat project showing the two friends in the snow. The children drew pictures and wrote words to answer questions about the story. This was a great way to assess comprehension and listening.



Literacy Tip: Today I am sending home a resource for you to use with your child when reading the leveled books that come home or other books at an appropriate reading level for your child. These activities will help your child develop comprehension and fluency skills!

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## Book Orders

I have an order that I need to place yet. If you wanted to order from the February flyers but forgot to do so, you can do this online before Monday morning. I will place the order on Monday. I hope you have been enjoying the monthly books your child is choosing to bring home! I love seeing the excitement as the children look through all of the great books!

## Report Cards

Today 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 **yellow** and **make**. We read more books and talked about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and why we celebrate him. We had fun reading *The Crayon Box that Talked* and we talked about how each one of us is unique and special. 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 p, r and n. We worked on writing the letters on white boards before practicing in our workbooks.

**Math:** We started measuring using our feet and talked about why we were coming up with different numbers depending on whose feet we used. We counted by ones with the calculators, learned about attribute blocks and played a fun game based on the attributes of the block we chose, and worked on number recognition by playing a game and identifying numbers based on clues about the number.

**Literacy and Math Camps:** We started our camps back up this week! All of the children are currently going to the same camp they had been going to before Christmas. We are in the process of reviewing data to determine the best fit for each child and expect to make some changes in the next three weeks. Camp time is an amazing way to give children extra time to practice skills with other children who need the same practice. For some children this is work on sight words and letter sounds. For some children this is an opportunity to work on enrichment activities. What a great way to get to know some different children and make new friends!

