



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

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Dear Parents,

Homework folders were sent home today. Your **student is responsible for printing his/her first name on the TOP of EACH sheet of homework. (In pencil!)** Each student is to bring their Backpack to school every day.

Please do not re-staple homework when you return it on Thursday!

The objective of this week's Religion sessions is to help the children understand that Advent is a time to wait for the celebration of Christmas. The children brought home their small Advent Wreaths, last week. The traditional Advent Wreath has 4 candles. (They remind us of the 4 weeks of Advent and help us to "count" down the weeks). There are 3 purple candles and 1 pink candle. Purple is the liturgical color of Advent. The Pink candle is lit on the 3rd week and calls us to rejoice that the birth of Jesus is imminent. Yesterday was the 1st Sunday of Advent. (1st purple candle was lit) Candles are lit on each of the 4 Sundays preceding Christmas. The green wreath has two symbols. Green reminds us of eternal life, and the circle shape of the wreath reminds us of the circle of life and the birth of the Christ-child and our own re-birth. The children have been instructed to light candles only with adult supervision and help!

Language Arts reviews rhyming words and all letters and sounds. The children need to recognize the capital and lower case letters of all the letters of the alphabet. They also need to know the sound of each letter and **write the letter** when given its sound!

Our Math objective this week is to finish working Math Chapter 4, take the Unit Test and begin Chapter 5. Chapter 5 introduces the identification of ordinals 6th –10th.

Center Activities this week will focus on projects and activities having to do with

December and Christmas.

The December Scholastic Book Order Forms are attached to this week's homework. Three different order forms are attached. You may order from either or all. Please include one check with the total of both forms. If you choose to order books, fill out the order and return by Thursday with a check made out to Scholastic Book Club. NO Cash orders!

Part of this week's homework is to write a letter to Santa Clause! YOU MUST FOLLOW THESE DIRECTIONS! 1.) Students must do all the writing themselves (they may copy sentences they dictate to you) 2.) each letter must contain TWO questions for Santa 3.) students will ask Santa for NO MORE than ONE toy 4.) Special stationery is attached for your student to write the final copy of their letter! Because this is more writing than usually assigned, there is NO book report due this week!

Each student is asked to bring ONE ornament to help decorate our class Christmas Tree. (due ASAP) These may be home made, bought or one that you already have. Ornaments will be returned to your child!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Farano

Homework

YOUR 3rd SIGHT WORD LIST was sent home last week! Students are expected to know these words by sight! (They DONOT have to spell the words!) I quiz the students on a regular basis!

- 1. Beginning Word List...(attached to today's letter) Using letter sounds covered thus far students SHOULD be able to sound out all words on this list!!! PRACTICE**
- 2. Color words...Color the barrels and the monkeys. Use your crayons**
- 3. Language Arts...L-7a...Cut out the letters And glue them right side up in place to complete each picture word.**
- 4. Language Arts...L-11a...Cut out the pictures and glue each picture next to the correct picture word on the ladder.**
- 5. Printing...complete one page of capital and one page of lowercase Ll.**
- 6. Math...Complete 2 Math pages...FRONT & BACK...Directions are found on the bottom of each page. Use a pencil unless otherwise directed to color.**
- 7. Santa Letter...follow the directions in my letter!**
- 8. All homework, and Homework Folders are due...Thursday (Late or**

incomplete homework does not receive full credit) NO BOOK REPORT THIS WEEK!!!!

- 9. ALL Library Books are due Tuesday Morning**
- 10. Friday (12/2/16) is ½ day with Kindergarten dismissal at 12:00 PM. This is also St. Edward T-shirt day/Denim Day. We are collecting food for the Settlement House this week. They have a BIG need during the holidays so please be generous!**
- 11. Please continue to send in Box Tops for Education.**
- 12. We are collecting the pull tops from ALL aluminum cans.**
- 13. December fee of \$10 is due ASAP. I have purchased everything for our parent gifts, projects, party, gingerbread houses, and lunch! Please send in your \$ ASAP. If you cannot help out at this time, let me know so that your student is not left out!! Thank you to those who already sent it in!!!!!!**

Please Remember: The Christmas Boutique is this week! Kindergarten students are scheduled to attend on Thursday morning. Please send spending money (\$6 to \$10 is a good amount) and a list of people your child is to shop for! This money needs to come in an envelope!!! Students will each be assigned a 6th grade buddy to help them shop and manage their money. Students are NOT allowed to shop for themselves. Please remind them of this! Please come see me if you need further explanation of what the “Christmas Boutique” is. Information letter and student shopping list attached to today’s letter.