

Kindergarten Ketchup



January 2023

Hi Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a relaxing Winter break. Take a peek at what is going on in Kindergarten for the month of January.

Letterland: We will continue to learn about vowels and their sounds. We will begin blending and segmenting with consonant blends like -ck and -ng at the end of words.

*Rollercoaster trick [video](#) on how we teach the kids to blend sounds together to read new words.

*Rubber band trick [video](#) of how we teach to segment sounds to write words.

Writing: We completed our unit on writing pattern books in December and those have gone home. In January, we will focus on opinion writing. Students will state an opinion and tell why. We will practice saying this at first and then we will practice writing. For example: I think the best special class is _____ because _____.

Language Comprehension: We will finish the second quarter by reading Me on the Map and learning how to pull out the key details in an informational text. We will also read a narrative text called Fry Bread and work on retelling the story as well as identifying characters, setting and major events in a story.

Math: We will begin to learn about teen numbers and how to write them, rote count by ones and tens to 50, and compare objects to see which one has more and which one has less.

Science: We will learn about Matter Properties and Change. In this science Unit students will understand the position and motion of objects and organisms, give examples of different ways objects and organisms move.

ways to help your child at home:

- Make sure they can rote count to 50
- Encourage writing in every way, shape or form (pictures, stories, lists, first sounds)
- Ask your child to "help" you write these words: sun, rig, bat, nut, hen (we would expect them to hear all 3 sounds at this point in K)

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Registered and approved volunteers, Kindergarten will utilize volunteers Monday-Friday from 8:45-9:45. We will make individualized

activities for you to work one on one with students in our media center. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you are interested. We will also occasionally ask for parents to come in and speak on a topic that correlates with our Science/Social Studies units of study.

Important dates:

Week of January 9th: M-class Middle of year testing

January 16th: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (no school for students)

January 27th: Teacher Workday (no school for students)

February 6th: Report cards go home

February 20th: President's Day Holiday (no school for students)

February 27th: Interim Reports go home

Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

The Kindergarten Team