

Kindergarten News

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Unity

I dreamt I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there,
The clay they used was a young child's mind
And they fashioned it with care.
One was a teacher, the tools he used
Were books, music and art;
One, a parent who worked with guiding hand
And a gentle heart.
Day after day the teacher toiled
With touch that was deft and sure,
While the parent labored by his side
And polished and smoothed it o'er.
And when at last their task was done,
They were proud of what they had wrought.
For the things they had molded into the child
Could neither be sold or bought.
And each agreed they would have failed
If he had worked alone.
For behind the teacher stood the school
And behind the parent, the home.

Nutrition is an ongoing topic that is discussed in Kindergarten. Parents have asked just what does define a healthy snack. District guidelines say that sugar or any form of it should not be the first ingredient listed and sugar should not be more than 25% of the item by weight. We suggest cut-up fresh fruit and veggies, popcorn, pretzels, cheese cubes, crackers, low fat/sugar muffins.

Features

Math: Students will count and develop strategies for finding the total after a small amount is added to a set. We will act out story problems and play games that involve counting, comparing, and finding the total when a small amount is added or taken away. Please act out little math situations with your student! Practice really does make perfect. We can't count enough, especially those "teen" numbers.

Reading: Essential Question: Why do we use technology? In this unit, students read and compare selections about technology to understand its benefits and drawbacks.

Sight Words: and, you, with, for, big
Phonetic Sounds: Bb, Rr

Writing: We will be emphasizing UPPER case at the beginning of sentences, lower case in the middle (unless it's a name). You can have your child practice writing messages or notes at home.

Science: The students will begin to explore the properties of Fabric through our Foss kit.

Social Studies:

Students will read about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his life. They will discuss issues of fairness and equality among people.

OMA: Kindergarten students will have OMA once a week starting in January.

Announcements

Mon. Jan. 20: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—No classes.

Mon. Feb. 3: January **Book It!** is due.

Wanted: Box tops