



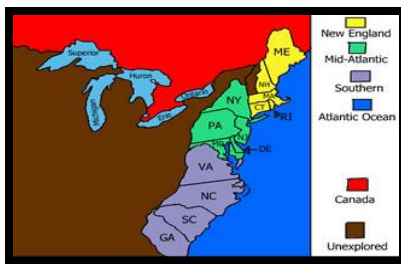
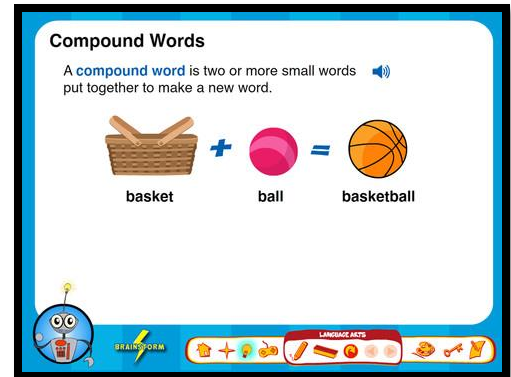
2th Grade News – December 2018

Reading, Writing, Spelling

Second Grade is beginning the Unit which encourages reading for fun and really “gaining” speed without losing comprehension skills. They will continue working with compound words and two syllable words. We’ll review the hard and soft sounds

of c and g and distinguish the sounds of consonant blends and diagraphs.

They’ll apply these skills in decoding and in using words in context. They did so well with their Thanksgiving Poem!!!! I am really proud of all their hard work!



Science & Social Studies

The children are enjoying their work on the Thematic Units. We’ll continue working on Christmas compositions, and have fun learning about Christmas around the world. Second graders are exploring the Thirteen Colonies and the expansion westward. Have a wonderful joyous holiday together. We’re looking forward to 2018.

Math

The Second Graders will continue to make up math problems for the class to solve. They’ll share their own strategies for problem solving. They are learning to record strategies by writing a label in the unit box, drawing the appropriate addition or subtraction diagram, and writing a number model. They will solve problems that involve purchases: food in a snack bar, school supplies, appliances, and grocery items!! They are reinforcing their abilities to compute the change on a \$1 bill mentally by practicing this frequently. We’ll review the Fahrenheit and Celsius scales.

They’ll solve a variety of problems involving temperature changes, ranges in temperatures, and temperature forecasts.

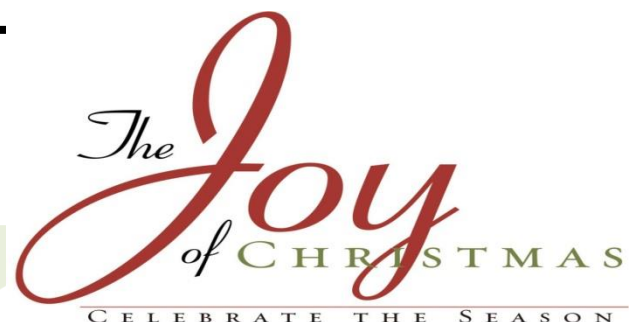
We’ll be completing a review and assessment of addition and subtraction facts, equivalent names for numbers, distances on the number line and number grid, reading and writing 3-digit and 4-digit numbers, paying with coins, making change, telling time, and skip counting by numbers other than 2’s, 5’s and 10’s. AFTER this we’ll be ready for the Happy Holidays!



Christmas Celebrations will be on Friday December 14th which is also early release day – 12:00

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MOA Daycare will be closed December 24th, 25th and December 31st & January 1st



1st Grade News – December 2018



1st Grade News – Reading & Language Arts

The First Graders have made remarkable progress in their reading program. They will continue with their take home books, which motivates them to read and understand stories.

(fact or fiction), and the ability to understand whole units of thought: what happened, why it happened, what it means and how the characters and writer feel about it.

The skills emphasized in their activities will be details of stories, ideas and making inferences. They love to read and be read to so Keep It Up!!!! It does make a difference.



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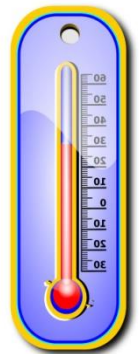
The children will be able to put into practice what they've learned in Language Arts by putting together a Christmas Unit filled with fun activities that reinforce creative thinking skills. Science the focus has been on magnetic forces. They will enjoy bringing home and sharing all their "Knowledge" with you!! They are so smart!!!

Math

The First Graders will continue in their work with linear measures and review and extend their use of thermometers and clocks. They use rulers, meter sticks, and tape measures to practice measuring themselves and classroom objects. Games with simple rules will be played often in class.

The games provide a format for thinking about rule based relationships between pairs of number and also provides practice with number patterns and number facts. These are important function ideas which, a decade ago, were reserved for first or second year algebra in high school!!!! It's important that you

read the HOMELINKS which explain in detail the information about FUNCTION MACHINES, WHAT'S MY RULE?, FRAMES AND ARROWS, and the concept of input & output. A thorough review and assessment of all math materials covered will be given the last week before the holiday vacation.



Spelling

Please remember to review spelling words Daily. This is very important to their learning experiences.

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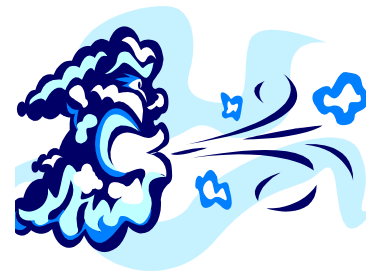
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Merry
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Kindergarten News – December 2018

Kindergarten Unit – “The Wind”

The Kindergartners will be learning more about the wind through books, pictures, discussion and active experimentation. They will explore informational prose and discuss the difference from narrative. Children will love to pose questions and discuss possible answers with each other, then go to other sources for additional information. They will enjoy their own hands-on inquiry and present the results in a picture-book format. December will also be filled with fun Christmas activities for everyone to enjoy.



Math

This month, we will be exploring the uses of calculators. We will learn about the displays of the calculators, as well as counting, learning counting shortcuts, counting on, counting backwards, learning

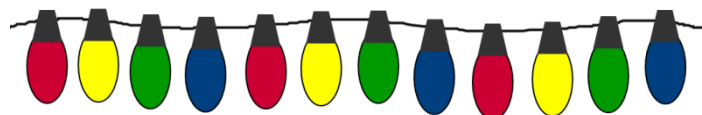
number stories, and skip counting. We will use playing cards to reinforce numeral recognition and value. We will play Go Fish, Concentration, The One and Only, and Top-It.



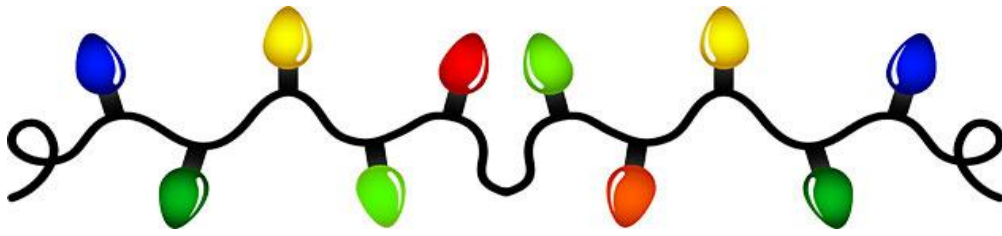
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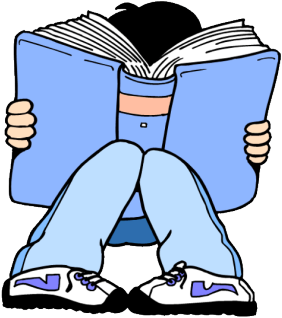
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Advance Pre-K News – December 2018

This Month our Focus is “Get Set”

“PREPARING YOUR STUDENT TO READ”

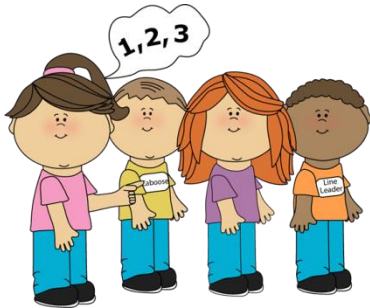


The students have learned to think about words in terms of their component sounds and decoding as they learn to read.

“Inventive” spelling is an exercise in writing that allows for formal writing instruction in the future.

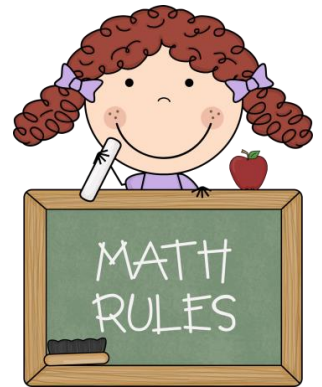
They are becoming motivated reading sentences as their vocabulary development increases. Pre-K will complete this year with many Christmas activities for all to enjoy!

Math



Pre-K students are successfully counting and matching number words. They are adding two numbers quickly by practicing “counting on” from the greater number. They will add and memorize doubles as well as continue “skip”

counting. Students are creative as they learn to solve problems by using facts from pictures! Counting back is a way to subtract – they practice counting back to find how many are left. This is an exciting time to be in Pre-K.



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