



### Reading

In this reading unit, the kindergartners are busy working on noticing the feeling of characters by checking the pictures and words, using their storyteller voice, and rereading! These are just a few of the reading skills we are focusing on in this unit. While the students are reading, they are stopping to think about what the character was doing in the story to figure out how he was feeling. When we are using our storyteller voice, we are practicing our reading in a way that matches the voice of what the character might be feeling. As we do this during our mini-lessons the students then carry this skill into the partner reading time! One of the most important things that we practice again and again is re-reading when we don't understand or don't know a word. Getting the students to be able to do this independently is going to make them better readers! We are always practicing this during guided reading groups and again in independent/ partner reading time.

### Eureka Math

Kindergarten is busy learning about measurement, weight, area, and understanding "more than", "fewer than", and "the same as". During this math module, the students are doing MANY hands on activities. We are busy completing our application problems to apply what we have learned so far in the lesson and then continuing that into the problem set. The students are busy using balance scales to measure weight of a variety of classroom objects. We are balancing objects by using cubes and plastic pennies. Students were using beans to cover the area of different shapes to see how many beans it would take. While we are learning about "more than", "fewer than", and "the same as", we are using rulers to connect objects 1:1 to have a visual to see if there is the same amount of objects or more/less.

### Writing

In this writing unit, we are focusing on writing stories for readers. Some important skills we have covered is using our sight word wall to spell words quickly, a vowel chart to sound out the middle of words, and writing catchy story beginnings. Our kindergarten writers have loved sharing their stories with each other. They are showing so much pride in their work and new story creations. We will be adding cover pages to complete our stories, the students can't wait to do that!

### Social Studies/ Science

We are exploring pushes/ pulls in physical science! We will investigate to compare different strengths of pushes and pulls on an object. Students will begin to understand cause and effect.

### Yellow Fluency Bag

Guided reading books and math practice games are coming home. Math games can stay at home once you finish them. **Please return the yellow bags with the books to school every day!**





### Reminders

- December 10<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup>- Holidays Around the World (Kindergarten students will be learning about different holiday celebrations in class.)
- December 19<sup>th</sup>- Polar Express Day (More info. coming soon... students will wear PJs this day!)
- December 21<sup>st</sup>- Winter Party **AND** 1:50 Dismissal (Parents who are volunteering have already been notified.)  
*\*All Parents, do not send goody bags, treats, candy, or food for the party!*
- December 24<sup>th</sup>- January 4<sup>th</sup>- Winter Break
- January 7<sup>th</sup>- NO SCHOOL (Teacher Institute)
- January 8<sup>th</sup>- Classes Resume
- January 21<sup>st</sup>- NO SCHOOL (MLK Day)
- February 14<sup>th</sup>- Class Party (More info. coming)
- February 20<sup>th</sup>- Six Flags Read to Succeed paper due
- February 15<sup>th</sup>- NO SCHOOL (Teacher Institute)
- February 18<sup>th</sup>- NO SCHOOL (President's Day)
- March 8<sup>th</sup>- Education Foundation's Casino Night

Remember to check the "Virtual Backpack" on the FSD157c website. You can download all the hot lunch forms there and pay on-line if you want to.

### Quarter 2 Sight Words

he	we	was
she	is	this
said	as	my
go	his	do
has		

### Items Needed...

Our classroom is beginning to run low on a couple of different items. If you can send any extras you may have at home, that would be greatly appreciated!

- Skinny dry erase markers
- Paper towels!!!
- Kleenex
- Mr. Sketch Smelly Markers
- Play-Doh
- Black Flair Pens

Thank you so much!

### Birthdays

No December Birthdays



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