

Transitional Kindergarten Newsletter

January 2018



Happy New Year!

I hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful winter break. I feel very grateful to be working with such a sweet group of students and supportive parents. Thank you for all of your generous gifts and thoughtful cards. I appreciate your kindness! A big thank you to Katie Simpson for helping to make our Winter Celebration such a success. Our party was a blast and I couldn't have done without such great volunteers!

Planes, Trains and Automobiles...

The new theme in TK is all about transportation. We will be learning about different modes of transporting people and goods around the world. We will learn to identify and sort vehicles, identify transportation workers and understand when, why and how we use transportation in our own lives.

Some other highlights this month are:

Science: weather, water changes, sinking/floating experiments, ice experiments, making a flying helicopter, perfecting paper airplanes, making ramps and tunnels for cars

Math: ten frames up to 20, more/less, graphing, 100 charts, tally marks

Language arts: learning sight words, writing transportation words,

decoding c-v-c words, writing personal narratives

SEL: Diversity and inclusion, What is Peace?, problem solving

100 Days of TK!

Every year, our primary students celebrate the 100th day of school. Part of this celebration includes a homework assignment that is in your folder today. Students will each collect 100 small items to display as a part of a "100 Gallery". The 100th day is on January 31st and the whole day will be dedicated to fun math activities and the numbers 0-100.

Sharing

The new sharing calendar is included in this week's folder. Please help your child to remember their sharing days and encourage them to practice what they will say. Students are gaining confidence as they practice their public speaking skills. It gives them an opportunity to use an assertive voice, make eye contact and teach others about themselves. Please make sure that your child has 2-3 minutes of information to share. I prefer stories, photos, hand made items, art, souvenirs or books rather than toys. Next year, kindergarteners will enjoy being star of the week when they have a whole week to share about themselves.

TK Wishlists

-I am collecting toy vehicles of all kinds. I **do not** want any that are affiliated with movie/tv characters (with faces on them) or those that make noises. I would appreciate wooden trains, small planes, boats, helicopters, construction vehicles, matchbox cars, space ships and large metal Tonka Trucks for outdoor use.

-Cardboard poster tubes or large sturdy gift wrap tubes

-Large pieces of 2.5 inch PVC pipes, connectors and plugs

-pieces of plastic gutters

-Fruit and Vegetables for snack time (sign up in the classroom)

-Lakeshore Learning (Use this url: www.lakeshorelearning.com) and search under my e-mail: svingallito@woodsideschool.us

-Amazon (Use this url: <http://a.co/hVmzmhR>)

-Scholastic Book Clubs: search under our class code: H3XP8

Reminders:

-No school on January 15th for MLK Jr. Day

-Rain boots and rain coats are great for rainy days, but please make sure to send good running shoes to school for inside time and p.e.