

TK Newsletter

January 2020

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 such supportive parents. Thank you for your generous gifts and thoughtful cards. I appreciate your kindness.

Planes, Trains and Automobiles...

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

Some theme highlights for January:

Science: float or sink with boats, making a flying helicopter, perfecting the paper airplane, making ramps and tunnels for cars

Math: All about 100. We are learning to count by 1,2,5, and 10. We are looking at number patterns, grouping numbers and using a 100 chart to practice counting with accuracy. Students will also learn how to make, read and use a bar graph, venn diagram and tally marks. We continue to practice basic addition, comparing number values and writing simple equations.

Language arts: writing transportation words, reading mini-books, Handwriting Without Tears workbooks and number books, reading sight words, daily phonics activities, writing/drawing stories (personal narratives)

SEL: Win-win solutions in conflict resolution, what is peace?

100 Days of TK!

On February 5th, primary students celebrate the hundredth day of school. We are planning a math-filled celebration and a homework assignment in preparation for the special day! We will share our 100 collections in class and create a "100 Museum." Look for a project description in the Wednesday folder. Projects will be due on or before Jan. 31.

Sharing

Our weekly sharing is going very well and all students are gaining confidence as they practice their public speaking skills. Please make sure that your child has 2-3 minutes of information to share. I prefer stories, photos, handmade items, souvenirs or books rather than toys. Please discuss sharing time with your child on the morning of their assigned day to make sure that they are prepared. I recommend practicing story telling of a recent event in case a sharing item is forgotten. Students should be able to retell a simple, true story with some details. Photos or video clips can be sent to my email to be shared on the big screen.

TK Wishlists

I am collecting:

- Cardboard poster tubes for Hotwheels/Matchbox cars tunnels (heavy-duty)
- Large cardboard box (appliance size) for making vehicles
- Small pieces of PVC pipes, connectors and plugs (for the water table)
- Fruit and Vegetables for afternoon snack time; sign-up in the classroom
- Homemade play dough; sign-up in the classroom

Other wishlists:

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

Reminders:

- No school on Jan. 20 for MLK
- Rain boots and jackets are great for rainy days, but please make sure to bring good running shoes to school for inside time and P.E.

Thank you for all of your continued support in and out of the classroom!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Virgallito